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**LIGHTS:** Jacqueline Totterdell, chief executive of Southend Hospital with David Fairweather as hospital employee of the year Carmen Bradnam turns on the Christmas lights in Southend Hospital grounds

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## TWO DIE IN CAR BLAZE

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Catherine Mhlaba, 45, and her son, Bekithemba Ali, 16, were found in a black Vauxhall Vectra on Thorpe Avenue, in Thorpe Bay, on Tuesday, December 3, at 5.30pm. The deaths are being investigated by detectives from the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate as a possible suicide and murder.

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**FIRE SCENE:** Officers at the site of the car fire in Thorpe Esplanade, Thorpe Bay

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# Every aspect of Leigh Infants declared 'outstanding' by Ofsted report

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By Paul Giles

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THRILLED staff, parents and pupils at Leigh Infant School are celebrating an Ofsted clean sweep.

Every single aspect of the school in North Street, Leigh, has been judged 'outstanding' by inspectors from the stringent national education watchdog.

The school achieved highest possible marks for overall effectiveness, pupil achievement, quality of teaching, behaviour and safety of pupils, as well as leadership and management.

Southend councillor for children and learning James Courtenay said it was a tremendous outcome for the school. He said: "I congratulate everyone's magnificent contribution. It's exceptionally rare for a school to gain an outstanding rating in every single category, so this is an especially remarkable achievement."

"There are very dedicated school staff and governors working in our borough, so it's terrific to see these qualities recognised nationally."

Leigh Infant School headteacher Pauline Lucas said she was absolutely delighted with the outcome. She said: "The lead inspector said the love of learning in this school is tangible, so I'm proud we have a happy, hard-working, harmonious staff team seeking the very best for every child."

"We have very high expectations of our pupils, both academically and socially, and a strong commitment to ensuring every one fulfils their potential."

In report from Ofsted, inspectors said: "The headteacher, deputy headteacher and governors are relentless in their drive to ensure that all pupils succeed."

"They set very high expectations of all members of the school com-

OUTSTANDING! Headteacher Pauline Lucas with pupils at Leigh Infant School who received an perfect Ofsted report

Picture by MARK CLEVELAND



munity and will settle for nothing less than the best."

Inspectors also said 'children in the reception classes settle in quickly and make outstanding progress in all areas of learning due to the excellent support they

receive'. The report also praised how pupils conduct themselves in the school and said teaching is constantly good.

Inspectors also said behaviour levels were exceptional and all staff and pupils were positive.

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#### Enjoy responsibly

SOUTHEND drinkers are being warned to be sensible about their boozing over the Christmas period.

Health experts say drinking goes up almost 40 percent over the festive season.

Tony Cox, Southend councillor for public protection, waste and transport, said there was nothing bad about the odd tipple or two when celebrating Christmas and New Year.

But he added: "Please be mindful that excess alcohol consumption can make some people more reckless and therefore prone to accidents."

Each weekend in December, the YMCA SOS Bus will be in Southend High Street from 9pm to 3am over the Christmas and New Years period to help those who are worse for wear.

#### Three rescued

FIREFIGHTERS saved three people from a flat fire in Ditton Court Road, Westcliff.

It happened at 3.27am on December 2 after a chip pan was left on. Senior divisional officer Julian Ashley said: "Incidents like this show how inattention in the kitchen can lead to disaster. A chip pan can easily burst into flames and the resulting fire can have devastating effects."

"It is vital that people pay proper attention in the kitchen, that they do not leave cooking unattended and never cook when they have been drinking."

#### Bikini in winter!

TV newcomer Pascal Craymer The Only Way Is Essex is donning her bikini to enjoy a specially created 'beach' to celebrate the launch of easyJet flights from London Southend Airport to Tenerife.

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## Car blaze

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Their investigation is looking at the possibility Catherine Mhlaba was responsible for murdering her son and taking her own life by starting the fire.

Police report that post-mortem examinations took place on Friday (December 6). The pathologist has recorded the cause of death as burning and inhalation through combustion.

Senior investigating officer Detective Superintendent Tracy Hawkins, of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, extended her condolences to the family and friends of Catherine and Beki, who lived in Blythe Avenue, Shoeburyness.

She said: "I can confirm I am satisfied there are no other persons involved in the deaths of Catherine and Beki and a file will be prepared for Her Majesty's Coroner."

Detectives are appealing for anyone with information to contact them at Southend on 101. They are keen to hear from a dog walker who may have been in the area at about 5.20pm or anyone who may have seen the car at any time either before the fire.

Police are aware some people may have taken video footage or images on mobile devices at the time and would ask for these to be made available to detectives.

The inquest into the deaths has been adjourned until May next year.

# 'Caring' teacher, 29, collapses and dies

## Head tells of deep sadness at loss of 'well-loved' Louise

A DEDICATED young teacher collapsed and died on her way home.

Staff at Eastwood Primary School, in Leigh have paid tribute to the teacher Louise Carey, after she died on December 2, at 5.45pm.

Miss Carey, 29, who had been at the school since September last year, had been helping other members of staff decorate the hall for Christmas before going to get a bus home to Rochford.

She was in the first year of her career as a newly qualified teacher.

It is understood she received medical treatment from members of the public and paramedics, but could not be saved.

Headteacher at Eastwood Primary School Rebecca Perman said she had previously worked with Miss Carey at Blenheim Primary School, in Leigh, and realised then what a good teacher she was.

She said: "She was an

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outstanding teacher and very well-loved by the children.

"She was so caring and absolutely dedicated to the children in her care.

"It is such a shock and people are full of grief at the moment in the school community.

"Obviously, for staff, it is not just a colleague they have lost; it is a friend as well.

"We are putting the children first as that's what Louise would have wanted.

"We told the children on Tuesday what happened and we made counsellors available to them. There are always counsellors available but you never know when grief will hit someone.

"We all react in a different way to grief."

The school plans to commemorate Louise by dedicating a new bench in the grounds to her and a special ceremony will be held next year.



TRAGIC DEATH:  
Louise Carey

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## Lotus helps cops

POLICE and Lotus Cars are joining together this Christmas to present a united front against drink driving.

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## Charlie's DJ chat

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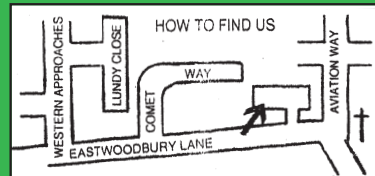
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### Woman injured

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following a road collision in Westcliff which left a woman with serious leg injuries.

At around 11.45 am on Friday December 6, officers were called to Ditton Court Road, near its junction with Hamlet Court Road, to an incident which involved a pedestrian and a Chevrolet Aveo.

The pedestrian, thought to be in her 60s and from the Westcliff area, was trapped by the vehicle and needed medical treatment at the scene. She was taken to Southend Hospital but has since been transferred to the Royal London Hospital.

Witnesses are asked to contact Essex Police on 101 or email [collisionappeal@essex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:collisionappeal@essex.pnn.police.uk)

### OAP robbed

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a robbery of an elderly woman which took place in Southend, at 11am on Friday, December 6.

The woman had walked from Sainburys, in London Road, to the alleyway running between the Odeon and Victoria Plaza.

She was approached by two men who pushed her against a wall and stole her purse containing cash and bank cards.

Anyone with information should contact DC Dave Thompson on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Museum ssistant Christopher Langdon with the new Saxon king exhibit at the Central Museum Southend

Photo by Mark Cleveland



## Princely treasures

TREASURES buried with the Prince of Prittlewell more than 1,000 years ago are to go on show at Southend Museum.

Items dramatically unearthed by archaeologists at Priory Crescent in 2003 are on display at Southend Museum, in Victoria Avenue, until next March.

The free exhibition is at Southend Museum from 10am until 5pm from Tuesdays to Saturdays.

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## Officers cleared

THE INDEPENDENT Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) rejected a judge's claim a defendant was subjected to unlawful force by four officers.

The cops were referred to the IPCC after a district judge threw out a case against a man on trial for a 'domestic related matter' and accused them of being too heavy-handed during his arrest.

Internal police documents say: "Four officers gave evidence. The district judge dismissed the case against the male and also made comment about the four officers in relation to their evidence and the level of injuries sustained by the male at the time of the arrest.

"[The judge] determined that unlawful force had been used in making the arrest."

However, an update in a later report said: "The IPCC investigation is complete and has concluded that the use of force in this case was reasonable and proportionate. There is no case for the officers to answer in terms of misconduct."

# Ten complaints

## Internal documents reveal Essex Police staff failings

**Essex Police special reports by Charles Thomson**

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MORE THAN 10 complaints against Essex Police are found to be upheld every month, figures show.

Internal police documents show more than 120 specific complaints against the force's staff and officers were proven between October 1, 2012, and September 30, 2013.

The highest proportion fell into the general 'failure in duties' category.

'Failure in duty' complaints were upheld against 25 police constables, six members of staff, four detective constables, three police sergeants, two special constables, two inspectors and a detective sergeant. The reports did not include details of the incidents that sparked the complaints.

More substantiated offences included 21 unlawful detention complaints, 19 cases of mishandling property and seven 'unlawful/unnecessary arrest' complaints – on top of four 'assault' complaints and two concerning 'irregularity in evidence/perjury'.

Other complaints were upheld, including four cases of 'irregularity in procedure', seven claims of 'incivility', four instances of 'oppressive

conduct' and six cases of officers failing to act 'fairly and impartially'. Five cases of improper 'search and seizure' were upheld, as were three cases involving 'improper disclosure of information' and one breach of 'stop and search' rules.

No officers were sacked or suspended over any of the complaints listed above. The majority were subject to 'management action', while some were given warnings, others were given 'advice' and a small number faced 'no action'.

Substantiated offences included 21 of unlawful detention, 19 cases of mishandling property, seven of 'unlawful/unnecessary arrest', four 'assault' complaints and two of 'irregularity in evidence/perjury'.

Figures showed 10.3 per cent of complaints dealt with during the 12-month period were upheld, while 38.3 per cent were 'locally resolved' and 21.5 per cent were withdrawn.

Documents showed that 29.9 per cent were found to be 'not upheld'.

Meanwhile, during the same 12-month period, 50 certificates of merit and 60 commendations were given to Essex Police officers.



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# upheld a month

Essex police officers are subjected to more than 1,000 complaints each year. The vast majority are malicious, fictitious or mistaken, with 90 per cent dismissed. Today the YA looks at the 10 per cent of cases that are upheld, and the legal action taken... or not

## On-going investigations

DOCUMENTS released last week revealed details of cases referred to the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) and the Professional Standards Division (PSD) for investigation in the last four quarters. They included:

- Officers who should have risk-assessed a man before releasing him from custody allegedly did not do so. The man was later found hanged. Documents said: "While in custody he was seen by a health care professional and assessed as fit for detention with a caveat that a further risk assessment be made during/upon release; it appears that this was overlooked when the male was released... After his release the male was found deceased, hanging in a public place." An IPCC investigation is ongoing.

- The IPCC was contacted after an officer stamped on a man's hand and broke his finger. Documents said: "During arrest, a male's false teeth fell

out and as he reached out to grab them an officer stamped on his hand, breaking at least one of his fingers." An investigation is ongoing.

- A supervisor was referred to PSD after he 'engaged with a vulnerable victim'. He is due to face a gross misconduct hearing.

- A PSD probe was launched after an officer allegedly assaulted a witness who was trying to tell him the location of a wanted person.

Documents said: "The officer concerned did not believe the account of [the witness] and a physical altercation took place." The officer faces a gross misconduct hearing.

### CASE STUDY: COP GUILTY

DOCUMENTS released last week revealed details about a policewoman who 'failed to carry out a proper rape investigation'.

Former PC Hannah Notley lied to a rape victim and prematurely ceased an investigation into a suspect, according to the official papers.

Ms Notley resigned earlier this year and has since pleaded guilty to misconduct in a public office.

Ms Notley is due to be sentenced this month.

'Some of the matters being investigated are of deep concern. Some of these cases have concluded and have led to action in the courts and to discipline including the dismissal of Essex Police officers. In other cases the complaint was found not to be substantiated.'

Essex Police and Crime Commissioner Nick Alston



DEEP CONCERN: Essex Police and Crime Commissioner Nick Alston

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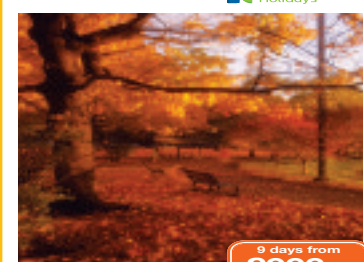
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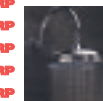


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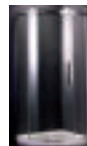
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New campaign says motorists and cyclists have much in common

## Let's share the roads!



**LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER:**  
The Cycle Southend team  
Picture by MARK CLEVELAND

A ROAD safety campaign has been launched by Southend council following the deaths of cyclists in London.

Called THINK CYCLIST – Let's Look Out For each Other, it is supported by Essex Police and Essex Highways.

With 80 per cent of cyclists holding a driving licence and one in five drivers cycling at least once a month, they're often the same people.

The campaign calls on all road users to stay safe by looking out for each other, reminding us they have more in common than is often realised.

It focuses on the need for all road users to share the limited space encourages them to:

- Look out for each other, especially when turning

- Signal intentions so other road users can react

- Give cyclists space and remember they are advised to ride well clear of the kerb to be visible and avoid collisions.

Essex-based international cyclist Alex Dowsett said riders are in a vulnerable position without the protection of a metal shell, but that doesn't mean they own the road.

A Department for Transport poll shows 25 per cent of UK adults are noticing more cyclists on the road following Tour de France and Olympic successes in recent years.

It also reveals 'looking twice when turning' comes out top as the precaution that would avoid the most collisions.

Southend became a cycle

town in 2009 and the number of riders has increased.

Southend councillor for public protection, waste and transport Tony Cox said: "Cyclists should realise it's not acceptable to jump red traffic lights, ride at night without lights or try filtering past slow moving lorries. And drivers need to be mindful that some cyclists have little knowledge of the Highway Code and should drive accordingly, being particularly mindful of giving cyclists plenty of space when overtaking."

Bikeability training is available to adults living, working or studying in Southend. It's the new national standards scheme. Courses can be arranged through Cycle Southend at [www.cyclesouthend.co.uk](http://www.cyclesouthend.co.uk)

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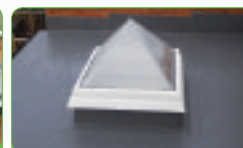


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# Man's arm broken after he tries to end fight

By YA crime reporter

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A GOOD Samaritan has been left with a broken arm after trying to break up a fight at Leigh train station.

The 39-year-old victim, was walking past the station around 8.55pm, on November 22, when he noticed a man on the ground being beaten by two men, explained investigator DC David Bishop.

"He walked over to stop the attack, at which point the two men turned on him, with one of them punching him in the face, knocking him to the ground.

"He managed to get up in a bid to move away, but one of the men followed him and continued the attack.

"The victim made it on to Belton Gardens, close to the station, where eventually the assault ended."

After feeling discomfort a few days later, the victim attended hospital, where it

was discovered that he'd fractured his arm.

Detectives are viewing CCTV from the station and surrounding area, and speaking to witnesses.

They are keen to speak to the first man who was attacked by the pair outside the station, and who is yet to speak to police.

The two attackers are described as white, aged around 18-years-old.

One was 5ft 10ins to 5ft 11ins of average build, whilst the other was taller and a little slimmer.

Anyone with information is asked to contact British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 40 quoting LNA/B5 of 06/12/2013. Information can also be passed to Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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## Rabbit dies after burglars strike

BURGLARS broke in and stole a child's wrapped Christmas presents from under the tree.

They also let out a pet rabbit from its cage which became unwell and later died.

It happened at a house in Gordon Road, Southend, on Friday, November 29.

It is believed the rabbit may have died from the shock.

The stolen items were a grey Everlast hooded top, light grey and white Nike Air Max trainers with a pink tick, a relatively rare size five-and-a-half, and two board games.

The burglary took place around 9pm and there were a large group of young people in the area. If they, or anyone else has any information, please contact PC Sam Winter, CID, at Southend police station on 101.

## Boy, 6, injured

A SIX year old boy was left with injuries after he was in collision with a cyclist.

It happened in Prince Avenue, Southend, near to Tesco and the junction with Nestuda Way, at 8.10am, on December 4.

The cyclist left the scene and the police are now seeking to trace him. The boy, who is from Westcliff, was taken to hospital where he was treated for a head injury before being discharged.

Investigating officer PC Mark Hewitt said: "I really need this cyclist and witnesses to contact me." Call him on 101.

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## The long run of the law

ESSEX Police officers are putting their best feet forward to take part in Run to Remember.

It's a national event set up to raise money for the PC Nicola Hughes Memorial Fund.

PC Hughes was killed while on duty in Manchester last September. Her family have set up a fund to raise money for different charities, aiming to support

young people who have lost family members to violent crime.

Fifty officers and staff from across the county have stepped up to the challenge which involves running two miles a day for 125 days.

It all started on December 1. About 1,600 people nationwide have signed up to take part in the run.

DC Tracey Megaw, co-ordinating the

Essex group, said: "People are running either on treadmills or outdoors – everyone has to complete 250 miles in 125 days; finishing on April 4 next year, tying in with Nicola's father Bryn taking part in a run across the North Pole."

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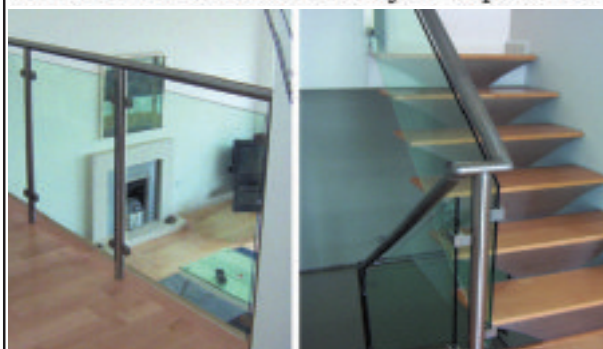
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## JASON RETURNS TO HIS ROOTS

By **LIZ WADE** and **JAMES RAMPTON**

**A** PERFORMER who failed to arrive for an evening set marked the beginning of Jason Manford's career in comedy, which has since opened the door to other roles including radio and television presenter and even opera star.

Jason, who was 17 at the time, was collecting glasses at the Buzz Comedy Club in Manchester when he stepped into the performer's shoes during the life changing event, before being crowned The City Life North West Comedian of the Year just six gigs later.

Last month the 32-year-old set off on his 'First World Problems' tour, which will be at the Cliffs Pavilion on January 7, and it has already proved so popular that extra dates have been added before the curtains finally close in Southport at the end of April next year.

The tour marks Jason's return to his comedy routes after discovering a new-found talent on ITV's charity based talent competition, Born To Shine. After winning the show in 2011, which featured celebrities learning new skills taught by talented teenagers, he went on to tour with tenor, Alfie Boe, and star in the critically acclaimed West End production of Sweeney Todd alongside Michael Ball and Imelda Staunton.

Jason, who was born in Salford, Lancashire, said: "Some of you might think I've had a career change what with all the opera and musical theatre I've been doing lately. "Not a chance, I'm excited to be getting back to what I really love the most – stand up!"

The show, which promises to feature a wealth of comedy anecdotes, misunderstandings and audience banter delivered with Jason's likeable charm and teasingly

intelligent wit, gets its name from a phrase that he saw online.

Jason explains: "It just sums up so much I think the phrase emphasises those times when we moan about the most trivial things. It's as if we invent problems so we have something to moan about.

"I imagine someone in the third world just thinking that we were all complete idiots!"

Jason also reveals that his material is constantly evolving. He said: "I only tour every couple of years, and the good thing is that over that time your life and the people who surround you are constantly changing. Also, as you get older, you get more opinionated."

Jason, who has also performed stand-up on BBC1's Live at the Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow and multiple Royal Variety Performances, cannot contain his excitement about returning to live comedy.

The performer, a first-rate observational comic who describes his show as "essentially moaning about everyday life, but with punchlines" says the buzz you get from live comedy is unrivalled. "You can't give it up!" he beams.

"People who haven't done stand-up focus on the negatives – 'what's it like to die on stage?' I always say, 'It's horrendous, the worst feeling in the world'. But the lows are so low because the highs are so high."

The stand-up, who was also hosted Show Me the Funny and Comedy Rocks with Jason Manford for ITV1, adds: "It's a huge risk, but when it goes right, there is nothing better. It creates a communal feeling that you just can't beat.

"You get all these people laughing and you think, 'I did that!' If you make one person laugh in a day, that's great. Imagine multiplying that by 10,000!"

Jason who cites Billy Connolly as his very



first inspiration to become a comedian after seeing him when he was nine, and decided to give it a go himself after seeing Peter Kay, said: "By now, people know that we share a sense of humour. They are aware of what they're getting, and I'm aware of what makes them laugh.

"The weirdest thing is fans who remember jokes that I've forgotten. Sometimes I say to them, 'I don't remember that one. I must put it back in the act – it's a good gag!'"

A comedian with a marvelously charismatic style, Jason strikes up a natural rapport with his audiences. He also possesses an irresistible amiability and generates a rare warmth on stage. All these talents have combined to make Jason one of the best loved and most in demand comics in the country.

His winning friendliness is no act. With this

particular comic, what you see is what you get.

"I'm the same on stage as I am in real life – which can be incredibly annoying at home!" adds Jason. "Jimmy Carr says that because he is quite rude on stage, if he says 'hello' to a fan in the street, that will make their day.

"By contrast, because I'm nice on stage, unless I ask a fan if they fancy a brew, they'll say, 'He's a bit rude'. I'm a victim of my own niceness. Sometimes I wish I'd gone down the Jack Dee misery route!"

"For further information about Jason's First World Problem tour visit [www.jasonmanford.com](http://www.jasonmanford.com) and for tickets for the evening at the Cliffs Pavilion on January 7, 2014 call the Box Office on 01702 351135 or visit [www.southendtheatres.org.uk](http://www.southendtheatres.org.uk)

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# Christmas Day TV



## Call the Midwife: Christmas Special, BBC1, 6.15pm

There are few jobs more rewarding than midwifery. Playing such an integral part in bringing new life into the world probably makes for quite a good story-telling hour down the local of a Friday night - it certainly makes for a good storyline or two in this stunning drama which first aired to delighted audiences last year. As we pay another visit to Poplar, it's Christmas 1958, and Jenny's relationship with Alec is blossoming, while Shelagh prepares for her quiet wedding to Dr Turner. It seems there's trouble afoot, though, when the police turn up on the doorstep of Nonnatus House - an unexploded bomb has been discovered nearby and the district must be evacuated. With no electricity and morale at an all-time low, the community tries to ensure Christmas isn't reduced to ashes, and the Nonnatus House staff reach out to those in need, rekindling the spirit of the Blitz. The bad news is that this is just a Christmas one-off; the good news is that we can expect a third series to appear on screens next year. Jessica Raine, Leo Staal, Laura Main and Stephen McGann star.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast **9.00** The Gruffalo's Child **9.25** The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper **9.40** Old Jack's Boat: The Christmas Quest **10.00** Christmas Day: Live from Westminster Abbey **11.00** **FILM: Chicken Run** (2000) Animated comedy, with the voices of Mel Gibson and Julia Sawalha. **12.20** BBC News: Weather **12.30** **FILM: The Princess and the Frog** (2009) Disney animated musical fantasy, with the voice of Anika Noni Rose. **2.00** Top of the Pops Christmas **3.00** The Queen **3.10** BBC News: Weather **3.20** **FILM: Toy Story 3** (2010) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks. **5.00** Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special **6.15** **Call the Midwife: Christmas Special** The locals are evacuated after the discovery of an unexploded bomb. **7.30** **Doctor Who** The Time Lord is drawn to a mysterious message. **8.30** **EastEnders** David and Carol get closer - but Janine's plotting looks set to ruin things. **9.30** **Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special** The first of two festive editions. The family fall out over a board game. **10.05** **Michael McIntyre's Showtime** Stand-up comedy from the O2 in London. **11.05** BBC News: Weather **11.20** On Christmas Night **11.25** The Vicar of Dibley Geraldine attends three Christmas lunches; National Lottery Update **12.10** Would I Lie to You? At Christmas **12.40** **FILM: Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy** (2004) Newsroom comedy, starring Will Ferrell. **2.15** Weatherview **2.20** BBC News

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two **6.20** Natural World: The Real Jungle Book Bear **7.20** **FILM: Herbie Goes Bananas** (1980) Disney adventure, starring Cloris Leachman. **8.50** **FILM: The Red Shoes** (1948) Oscar-winning drama, starring Moira Shearer. **11.00** Carols from King's 12.15 Music of the Monarchy with David Starkey **1.20** Swinging Christmas **2.45** The Perfect Morscombe & Wise Christmas Special **3.15** Doctor Who at the Proms **4.30** An Adventure in Space and Time **6.00** **Sign Zone: The Queen** **6.10** **Matthew Bourne's Sleeping Beauty** A performance of Tchaikovsky's ballet by the New Adventures dance company, reimagined by Matthew Bourne as a supernatural love story featuring vampires, fairies and gothic opulence. **7.40** **Christmas Night with the Two Ronnies** The duo's festive special from 1987, with Charlton Heston and Elton John. **8.30** **Morecambe & Wise in Pieces: Leading Ladies** The first of two compilations of highlights from the comedy duo's shows, featuring appearances by female stars of stage and screen. **9.30** **Tractate Middoth** Adaptation of MR James's ghost story, starring Sacha Dhawan. **10.05** **MR James: Ghost Writer** Mark Gatiss examines the life and career of the author. **11.05** **QI XL** Festive special from 2010, with Daniel Radcliffe. **11.50** **Hebburn** Jack and Sarah fly in from Switzerland for Christmas. Last in the series. **12.20** **FILM: Dead Poets Society** (1989) Drama, starring Robin Williams. **2.25** This Is BBC Two

## ITV

**6.00** CITV **8.25** Dinner Date **9.25** **FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie** (1985) Family fantasy adventure, starring Dudley Moore. **11.25** The Chase **12.30** The Big Christmas Reunion **1.30** You've Been Framed! At Christmas **2.00** River Deep Mountain High: James Nesbitt in New Zealand **3.00** The Queen **3.10** ITV News: Weather **3.20** **FILM: Tangled** (2010) Disney animated comedy, with the voice of Mandy Moore. **5.15** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas **6.15** **Emmerdale** Hour-long episode. Alicia and David's wedding day arrives and everything seems to be going wrong, while Charity catches a drunken Declan pouring petrol around his house. **7.15** ITV News: Weather **7.30** **Coronation Street** Hour-long episode. Nick flies into a rage and slaps Leanne, Roy's hopes for a quiet Christmas with Hayley are dashed, and Carla makes Peter an equal partner in Underworld. **8.30** **Downton Abbey** Rose is to be presented at Buckingham Palace as part of her debutante "coming out", but the Crawleys are implicated in a scandal that could engulf the monarchy. Last in the series. **10.30** ITV News: Weather **10.45** **FILM: Love Actually** (2003) Interlinked tales of several people in search of love. Richard Curtis's romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant, Martine McCutcheon, Emma Thompson, Colin Firth and Liam Neeson. **1.10** Christmas Carols on ITV **2.10** **FILM: Closing the Ring** (2007) Drama, starring Shirley MacLaine. **4.05** ITV Nightscreen

## Channel 4

**6.10** Ivor the Invisible **6.35** Prep & Landing **7.00** Famous Fred **7.25** Little Wolf's Book of Badness **7.55** Olive, the Other Reindeer **8.50** **FILM: James and the Giant Peach** (1996) Children's fantasy, with Paul Terry. **10.25** **FILM: Horton Hears a Who!** (2008) Animated comedy, featuring the voice of Jim Carrey. **12.05** The Big Bang Theory **1.05** The Simpsons **1.40** The Snowman **2.10** The Snowman and the Snowdog **2.45** The Simpsons **3.15** Deal or No Deal: Ideal Christmas **4.15** The Alternative Christmas Message **4.20** Channel 4 News **4.35** **FILM: The Muppet Christmas Carol** (1992) Comedy. **6.15** **FILM: Home Alone 2: Lost in New York** (1992) A boy ends up stranded in the Big Apple - where he bumps into two familiar burglars with an axe to grind. Comedy sequel, starring Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern. Edited for daytime broadcast. **8.30** **Bear's Wild Weekend with Stephen Fry** Bear Grylls takes the QI host on an expedition to the Italian Dolomites. **9.30** **Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special** Festive fun, with Russell Brand, Davina McCall, David Dickinson and Little Mix. Last in the series. **10.35** **Man Down Christmas Special** Alan deals with a school play and a terrifying yuletide tradition. **11.05** **Father Ted Christmas Special** Dougal and Ted get lost in a lingerie department. **12.15** **Father Ted** **3.05** **FILM: A Matter of Life and Death** (1946) **4.50** 90210 **5.30** Suburgatory **5.55** Prep & Landing: Naughty v Nice

## Channel 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **8.05** **FILM: Scrooge** (1970) A miserly man is taught the error of his ways by a host of spectral visitors. Musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, starring Albert Finney and Alec Guinness. **10.15** **FILM: Gone with the Wind** (1939) Epic romantic drama, starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable. **2.35** **FILM: Casablanca** (1942) Romantic drama. **4.40** Greatest Ever Christmas Movies **7.30** **Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights** Noddy Holder narrates a documentary following four households as they transform their homes into electric winter wonderlands with extensive displays of festive illuminations. **8.30** **Eddie Stobart: 12 Days of Christmas** A compilation of the most memorable festive moments from the series following the haulage company, featuring workers battling the elements, the traffic and the Christmas rush. **9.30** **FILM: Michael Jackson's This Is It** (2009) Premiere. Documentary following the singer rehearsing for his planned 50 shows at London's O2, before his death in June 2009. Featuring classic hits and interviews with Jackson. **11.40** **Greatest Christmas TV Moments** Countdown of 50 festive TV highlights, featuring Gavin & Stacey, Morecambe and Wise, Only Fools and Horses, Wallace and Gromit, Doctor Who, Top of the Pops and The Royle Family. **2.35** SuperCasino **3.55** House Doctor **4.45** Great Artists **5.10** Nick's Quest **5.35** Wildlife SOS

## Movie Choices

**THE DARK KNIGHT RISES** (2012) Batman has drifted into isolated retirement years after helping to rid Gotham City of organised crime. He is lured into returning to duty by an encounter with an enigmatic thief, but his investigation leads to a far greater threat - the leader of a terrorist army planning to seize control of the city. Conclusion of Christopher Nolan's comic-book thriller trilogy, with Christian Bale. **Sky Movies Showcase** 5.15-8pm **AVENGERS ASSEMBLE** (2012) A mystical artefact is stolen from a top-secret military base, and used to bring about an alien invasion. Spymaster Nick Fury brings together a team of superheroes, including Iron Man, Thor, Captain America and the Hulk, to defend Earth from the impending attack. Action adventure uniting the Marvel comic-book characters, starring Robert Downey Jr. **Sky Movies Action & Adventure** 5.30-8pm **SKYFALL** (2012) James Bond pursues a mysterious criminal mastermind who has orchestrated a terrorist attack on MI6 headquarters and exposed the identities of undercover agents around the world. The trail leads to a rogue former operative who has a personal vendetta against the intelligence organisation's leader. Action thriller, starring Daniel Craig and Javier Bardem. **Sky Movies Greats** 8.00-10.25pm **LIFE OF PI** (2012) A writer interviews a man about the extraordinary events of his life. He describes his childhood in India, living in the zoo run by his father, and how the family and their animals were forced to relocate to Canada when he was a teenager. However, during the sea voyage, the ship sank and he was left adrift in a small boat with a ferocious tiger. Ang Lee's adventure based on Yann Martel's novel, starring Suraj Sharma. **Sky Movies Showcase** 8.00-10.15pm

## Satellite & Digital

**SKY1** **6.00** The Middle **7.00** Yonderland **8.00** Sinbad **9.00** The Simpsons **10.00** Soccer AM **12.00** The Simpsons **12.30** Modern Family **1.00** The Middle **2.00** Yonderland **3.00** The Queen **3.10** Modern Family **3.40** Sinbad **4.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Treasures Island **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** Little Crackers **10.00** Trolled Christmas Special **11.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **12.00** A League of Their Own **12.55** Spartacus

Blood and Sand **2.10** Strike Back **3.10** Road Wars Christmas Special **4.00** Little Cracker **4.30** Luton Airport **5.00** Airline **SKY ATLANTIC** **6.00** The Devil's Dinner Party **7.00** Love/Lust and Bad Girls **8.00** Team Sky and British Cycling **11.00** Little Crackers **12.30** The Bachelor King **2.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **5.00** Little Crackers **6.30** Joanna Lumley's Little Cracker **7.00** Omid Djalili's Little Cracker **7.30** Rebecca Front's Little Cracker **8.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **9.00** Walking and Talking **9.10** Hunderby **10.00** Veep **10.35** Girls **11.15** Adam

Buxton's Bug **11.45** Flight of the Conchords **12.20** Set List: Stand-Up Without a Net **12.50** Bored to Death **1.25** The Sopranos **2.40** Vegas **3.40** Blue Bloods: Meet the Characters **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** The Devil's Dinner Party **BBG** **7.00** The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper **7.10** FILM: Madagascar (2005) **8.30** FILM: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984) **10.25** EastEnders **11.20** Family Guy **1.30** Bad Education Christmas Special **2.00** Bluestone **4.2** Christmas Special **2.30** Sweat the Small Stuff **3.00** The Call Centre Christmas **4.00** Close

**BBG** **7.00** Arena **8.00** The Royal Ballet: Don Quixote **10.15** Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? **11.00** Top of the Pops Christmas 1977 **11.50** Top of the Pops Christmas 1978 **12.50** The Richest Songs in the World **2.20** The Fir Tree **2.50** The Bridge **3.45** Close **ITV2** **6.00** Emmerdale **6.25** Britain's Got More Talent: Singers & Dancers **7.20** Britain's Got More Talent: Cutest Moments Ever **8.20** Peter Andre: My Life at Christmas **9.20** You've Been Framed at Christmas **10.20** Ant & Dec's Christmas Show **11.40** FILM: Peter Pan (2003) **1.50** Emmerdale **2.20** The Xtra Factor: Girls All-

Time Best and Worst **3.20** The Xtra Factor: Groups All-Time Best and Worst **4.20** The Xtra Factor: Overs All-Time Best and Worst **5.20** You've Been Framed at Christmas! **6.20** FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **8.30** FILM: Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones (2002) **11.15** FILM: Shaun of the Dead (2004) **1.15** Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special **1.50** Through the Christmas Keyhole **2.40** Peter Andre: My Life at Christmas **3.30** Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records **3.55** You've Been Framed! **4.20** Girlfr!nds **5.10** Girlfriends

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# Boxing Day TV



## Still Open All Hours, BBC1, 7.45pm

Roy Clarke may forever be best known for creating Last of the Summer Wine, but in 1976 he came up with another winner – Open All Hours. A vehicle for Ronnie Barker, it also turned David Jason into a household name. They played Arkwright and Granville respectively; the former was a miserly shopkeeper with an uncontrollable lust for Nurse Gladys Emmanuel, who lived across the road from his corner store in Balby, a suburb of Doncaster. The latter was Arkwright's put-upon nephew who wanted more out of life than being an errand boy. Granville seems to have got what he wished for – sort of – when we meet up with him again, 28 years after the last episode. Arkwright (like the much-missed Barker) has passed away, so Granville is now in charge of the shop, which he runs with his son, Leroy, a cheerful charmer who turns heads among the local womenfolk. Still around are Gladys and the formidable Black Widow, who continues to send shivers down Granville's spine. They turn up in this special episode which, if recent reports turn out to be correct, could be the forerunner of a full series.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast 9.00** Room on the Broom **9.25** Mouse and Mole at Christmas Time **9.55** **FILM: 101 Dalmatians** (1996) Disney comedy adventure remake, starring Glenn Close. **11.30** **FILM: Flushed Away** (2006) Animated adventure, featuring the voice of Hugh Jackman. **12.50** BBC News **1.00** Regional News: Weather **1.05** **FILM: Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit** (2005) Oscar-winning animated adventure, with the voice of Peter Sallis. **2.25** **FILM: Alice in Wonderland** (2010) Fantasy adventure, starring Mia Wasikowska. **4.05** **FILM: Cars 2** (2011) Premiere. Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Owen Wilson. **5.45** BBC News **6.00** BBC London News; Weather **6.05** Gangsta Granny Family comedy, starring Julia McKenzie. **7.15** EastEnders Phil is in for a surprise when new Vic landlord Mick makes his presence felt. **7.45** Still Open All Hours David Jason returns in this one-off special of the popular comedy. **8.15** Death Comes to Pemberley New series. Pride and Prejudice sequel, starring Anna Maxwell Martin and Matthew Rhys. **9.15** Len Goodman's Perfect Christmas Festive TV clips chosen by the Strictly judge. **10.00** BBC News **10.15** Regional News; Weather **10.25** Match of the Day Highlights of Manchester City v Liverpool. **11.55** Have I Got a Bit More 2013 News for You Extended compilation of highlights. **12.40** Skiing Weatherview **12.45** BBC News

## Satellite & Digital

**SKY1** **6.00** The Middle **7.00** Yonderland **8.00** Sinbad **9.00** The Simpsons **10.00** Terry Pratchett's Going Postal **12.00** The Simpsons **12.30** Modern Family **1.30** The Middle **2.30** Yonderland **3.30** The Simpsons **4.00** Sinbad **5.00** Treasure Island **7.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** FILM: Flight of the Phoenix (2004) **11.00** Karl Pilkington **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** Spartacus: Blood

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two **6.05** Natural World **6.50** **FILM: Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo** (1977) Disney comedy adventure sequel, starring Dean Jones. **8.35** Westminster Abbey **9.35** Earthflight **10.35** Pride & Prejudice: Having a Ball **12.05** **FILM: Emma** (1996) Jane Austen drama, starring Gwyneth Paltrow. **2.00** Operation Snow Tiger **4.00** Final Score **5.15** You Have Been Watching – David Croft **6.15** **FILM: Dad's Army** (1971) The Home Guard soldiers are put on their mettle as they get ready to capture three German aviators. British comedy, starring Arthur Lowe. **7.45** Christmas University Challenge Gonville & Caius, Cambridge, takes on Christ Church, Oxford. **8.15** Idris Elba – King of Speed Part one of two. Documentary in which the Luther star embarks on an international journey to explore the history of car racing while sampling the thrill of competition vehicles. **9.15** Ben & James Versus the Arabian Desert Part one of two. Ben Fogle and James Cracknell follow in the footsteps of British explorer Wilfred Thesiger and attempt to trek across a portion of the Rub 'al Khali. **10.15** **FILM: King Arthur** (2004) A Roman commander in fifth-century Britain comes to realise his true destiny is to lead the people against Saxon invaders. Adventure, starring Clive Owen. **12.10** **FILM: Dracula** (1958) Hammer horror, starring Christopher Lee. **1.30** **FILM: Sign Zone: Jane Eyre** (2011) Period drama, starring Mia Wasikowska. **3.20** This Is BBC Two

## ITV

**6.00** CITV **8.25** Dinner Date **9.25** **FILM: Problem Child** (1990) Comedy, starring John Ritter. **11.00** **FILM: The Flintstones** (1994) Live-action version of the cartoon comedy, with John Goodman. **12.45** ITV News; Weather **1.05** **FILM: Casper** (1995) Family comedy, starring Christina Ricci. **3.00** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 – Behind the Magic **4.00** Off Their Rockers **4.30** The Nation's Favourite Elvis Song **6.00** ITV News; Weather **6.15** Emmerdale At Home Farm, the fire is raging and Charity tries to get Declan to leave. Eventually, they flee the grounds, but Megan rushes inside – and becomes trapped. **7.15** **FILM: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (2010) Premiere. The teenage wizard searches for the magical artefacts that will allow him to destroy the evil Voldemort. Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **10.05** I Am Britney Jean: Britney Spears in Las Vegas Documentary following the pop star as she prepares for her performance residency in Las Vegas, revealing how she handles the pressures that come with the next chapter of her career. **11.05** ITV News; Weather **11.20** Through the Christmas Keyhole Keith Lemon rummages through the homes of three mystery celebrities. **12.20** **FILM: The Affair of the Necklace** (2001) Period drama, starring Hilary Swank. **2.20** **FILM: Inland Empire** (2006) Mystery drama, starring Laura Dern. **5.20** ITV Nightscreen

## Channel 4

**6.15** **FILM: Mysterious Island** (1961) Sci-fi adventure, starring Michael Craig. **8.00** Morning Line **9.00** Frasier **10.00** The Big Bang Theory **10.30** **FILM: The King and I** (1956) Oscar-winning musical, starring Yul Brynner. **1.05** Channel 4 Racing **3.35** Deal or No Deal: Ideal Christmas **4.35** Come Dine with Me: Comedians Christmas Special **5.35** Hollyoaks **6.05** Channel 4 News **6.20** **FILM: Independence Day** (1996) The US president leads the fight against a force of seemingly indestructible aliens intent on conquering Earth. Sci-fi adventure, with Will Smith. **9.00** Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2013 Jimmy Carr poses questions about the major events of the year to Jack Whitehall, Micky Flanagan, Dara O Briain, Kristen Schaal, Noel Fielding and Richard Ayoade. **11.05** Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special The comedian hosts a show filled with festive fun and frolics, joined by Russell Brand, Davina McCall and David Dickinson. Little Mix perform their new single, Last in the series. **12.10** **FILM: Machete** (2010) A Mexican mercenary is hired to assassinate a politician, but when his employers betray him, he goes out for revenge. Action thriller, starring Danny Trejo and Robert De Niro. **2.00** **FILM: Legend** (1985) A peasant boy who has a magical friendship with animals and fairies sets out to save his sweetheart from a monstrous demon. Ridley Scott's fantasy, with Tom Cruise and Tim Curry. **3.35** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **4.35** Secret Removers **5.35** Wildlife SOS

## Channel 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **9.45** World's Strongest Man 2013: Qualifiers **10.45** Eddie Stobart: 12 Days of Christmas **11.45** World's Most Pampered Pets **12.45** **FILM: High Society** (1956) Complications arise when a playboy composer tries to stop his ex-wife from marrying another man. Romantic musical comedy, starring Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Grace Kelly. **2.55** **FILM: Meet Me in St Louis** (1944) A close-knit family is worried that a prospective move to New York will mean missing out on the 1904 World's Fair. Musical, starring Judy Garland. **5.15** **FILM: The Wizard of Oz** (1939) A tornado whisks a girl off to a magical land where she embarks on a journey in search of the wizard who knows the way home. Musical fantasy, with Judy Garland. **7.15** Michael Buble's Christmas Special The Grammy-winning Canadian crooner performs classic festive songs, featuring duets with Mary J Blige, Mariah Carey and the Cookie Monster. **8.15** World's Strongest Man 2013 All the action from the opening heat from Hailiang Bay in Sanya, China, where the top two of six competitors would progress to the final. **9.15** Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs A countdown of songs guaranteed to make any Christmas party go with a swing, including classics by the Jackson 5, Jona Lewie, Band Aid, Mud, the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl and Slade. **12.10** Michael Buble's Christmas Special **1.10** SuperCasino **3.05** Blackpool Lights **3.55** House Doctor **4.45** Great Artists **5.10** Nick's Quest **5.35** Wildlife SOS

## Movie Choices

**THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING** (2001) An unassuming hobbit is plunged into a battle against the forces of darkness when his uncle bequeaths him a magical ring of immense power. He joins a fellowship of heroes to embark on a perilous quest to destroy the ring before it falls into the hands of its creator – a dark lord who needs it to regain his power and conquer the world. The first part of Peter Jackson's epic fantasy trilogy based on JRR Tolkien's novel, starring Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen, Sean Astin, Christopher Lee, Liv Ullmann and Orlando Bloom. **Sky Movies Greats** 4.00-7pm **THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS** (2002) Frodo and Sam continue their quest to destroy the all-powerful ring, bringing them face to face with the magical artefact's twisted former owner Gollum. Meanwhile, their allies prepare to make a desperate last stand against the vast armies of the corrupted wizard Saruman, who has declared war on a neighbouring kingdom. Part two of Peter Jackson's fantasy adventure trilogy, starring Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Viggo Mortensen, Ian McKellen, Billy Boyd, Dominic Monaghan, Andy Serkis and Christopher Lee. **Sky Movies Greats** 7.00-10pm **THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING** (2003) As hobbits Frodo and Sam near the end of their journey into the dark lands of Mordor to destroy the One Ring, the evil Sauron unleashes the full might of his armies on Middle-earth. Meanwhile, Aragorn must fulfil his destiny of becoming king by leading his people into a climactic battle with the forces of darkness. Conclusion of the adventure trilogy, starring Elijah Wood. **Sky Movies Greats** 10pm-12am

and Sand 2.15 Spy: Christmas Special 3.05 Road Wars 4.00 Katy Brand's Little Cracker 4.30 Luton Airport 5.00 Airline **SKY ATLANTIC** **6.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **9.00** The Petrol Age **1.00** Joanna Lumley's Little Cracker **1.30** Omid Djalili's Little Cracker **2.00** Katy Brand's Little Cracker **2.30** Darren Boyd's Little Cracker **3.00** Team Sky and British Cycling: The Road to Glory **5.00** Bradley Wiggins: A Year in Yellow **6.30** Alison Steadman's Little Cracker **7.00** Rebecca Front's Little Cracker **7.30** Joanna Lumley's Little Cracker **8.00** Richard E

Grant's Hotel Secrets **9.00** God Save the Queens **10.00** FILM: Clear History (2013) **12.00** Big Love **1.15** The Wire **2.30** The Sopranos **3.45** Blue Bloods: Meet the Characters **4.00** Inside the Actors Studio: James Franco **5.00** The Devil's Dinner Party **BBBC3** **7.00** Doctor Who **8.00** FILM: Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989) **10.00** Bad Education Christmas Special **10.30** EastEnders **11.00** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **12.55** FILM: The Santa Clause (1994) **2.25** Bad Education Christmas Special **2.55** Backchat with Jack Whitehall

and His Dad **3.40** Cariad Show **4.00** Close **BBBC4** **7.00** Norman Wisdom: His Story **8.00** Polar Bear: Spy on the Ice **9.00** Great American Rock Anthems: Turn It Up to 11 **10.00** Never Mind the Baubles: Xmas '77 with the Sex Pistols **11.00** Pop Charts Britannia: 60 Years of the Top 10 **12.30** Ultimate Number 1s at the BBC **1.30** Sounds of the 70s 2 Rock 'n' Roll Revisited – Get It On **2.00** Great American Rock Anthems: Turn It Up to 11 **3.00** The Bridge **4.00** Close **ITV2** **6.00** Rita Ora: The Hot Desk **6.10** The Xtra Factor Winner's Story (2013) **7.00**

Emmerdale **7.50** Coronation Street **8.50** The Xtra Factor **9.50** Cinderella **11.25** Emmerdale **12.30** Coronation Street **1.40** FILM: Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) **4.20** FILM: Star Wars: Episode II – Attack of the Clones (2002) **7.10** You've Been Framed **8.15** FILM: Johnny English (2003) **10.00** Celebrity Juice: Parallel Juicyverse Part Two **11.00** FILM: Hot Fuzz (2007) **1.25** Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special **2.25** Celebrity Juice: Parallel Juicyverse Part Two **3.10** Fool Britannia **3.35** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA **4.20** Girlfriends

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**Gordon Ramsay's Home Cooking, Channel 4, 7.05pm**  
According to Cliff Richard, the ingredients for the perfect Christmas are mistletoe and wine, children singing Christmas rhyme, logs on the fire and gifts round the tree. We imagine that Gordon Ramsay would scoff at such a simplistic idea. After all, where's the food? No festive period would be complete without a massive feast – not to mention the indigestion that comes after eating it. Obviously by the time this programme is broadcast the big day itself will be over and done with for another 12 months, but if you're looking for ideas to try out next year, or fancy a change from the usual cold turkey sandwiches filled with soggy stuffing, then this is the show to watch. Gordon prefers to spice things up post-December 25th – and there's certainly nothing wrong with a winter warmer at this time of year. So prepare to feel the heat as he persuades his children to help him make such simple but delicious delights as spicy Mexican eggs, hot noodle soup, aromatic white crispy roast duck and banana tarte Tatin. We're drooling in anticipation already...

**BBC1**  
6.00 Breakfast 8.20 Match of the Day 9.50 **FILM: 102 Dalmatians** (2000) Disney family adventure sequel, starring Glenn Close. 11.25 **FILM: Bedtime Stories** (2008) Comedy. 1.00 BBC News; Weather 1.10 Regional News; Weather 1.20 Open All Hours: A Celebration 1.50 Len Goodman's Perfect Christmas 2.35 **FILM: Enchanted** (2007) Fantasy comedy, starring Amy Adams. 4.10 **FILM: Megamind** (2010) Premiere. Animated comedy. 5.40 BBC News; Weather 5.55 BBC London News. 6.05 **FILM: Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull** (2008) Action adventure sequel, starring Harrison Ford. 8.00 **EastEnders** Linda is livid with Mick for letting his sisters move into the Vic. 8.30 **Miranda** The shop owner's friends accuse her of being immature. 9.00 **Death Comes to Pemberley** The fallout from Wickham's arrest threatens Darcy and Elizabeth's marriage. 10.00 BBC News 10.15 **Regional News**; Weather; National Lottery Update 10.20 **Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special** The first of two festive editions. The family fall out over a board game. 11.00 **Not Going Out Christmas Special** Lee and the gang spend Christmas in a spooky country house. 11.45 **John Bishop's Christmas Show** Festive giggles, featuring Jason Manford, Nina Conti, David O'Doherty and Tim Vine. 12.45 **FILM: The Lonely Guy** (1984) Comedy, starring Steve Martin. 2.10 Weatherview 2.15 BBC News

**BBC2**  
6.00 This Is BBC Two 6.30 Natural World: Tiger Dynasty 7.30 Sign Zone: Great Continental Railway Journeys 8.30 Africa 2013: Countdown to the Rains 9.30 Africa 10.30 Earthflight 11.30 **FILM: War and Peace** (1956) Historical drama, starring Audrey Hepburn. 2.50 **FILM: How the West Was Won** (1962) Epic Western, starring James Stewart and John Wayne. 5.15 Flog It! 6.00 **Celebrity Eggheads** With Derek Jacobi, Frances Barber, Neil O'Donoghue, Fiona Laird and Emma Fielding. 6.30 **The Choir: Sing While You Work** The three remaining choirs face their biggest challenge as they perform a song composed by Paul Mealeor at Ely Cathedral. 7.30 **Christmas University Challenge** St Hugh's, Oxford, takes on Stirling. 8.00 **Irlis Elba – King of Speed** Part two of two. The Luther star concludes his exploration of car racing. 9.00 **Ben & James Versus the Arabian Desert** Part two of two. Disaster strikes when one of the duo suffers a serious injury. 10.00 **FILM: Cast Away** (2000) A courier service manager is forced to fend for himself when a plane crash leaves him stranded alone for years on a desert island. Adventure drama, with Tom Hanks and Helen Hunt. 12.15 **Ambassadors 1.15 FILM: The Mummy** (1959) Hammer horror, starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee. 2.40 Sign Zone: Imagine – Who's Afraid of Machiavelli? 3.40 Waiting for Gaga: A Culture Show Special 4.40 This Is BBC Two

**ITV**  
6.00 CITV 8.25 Dinner Date 9.25 Murder, She Wrote 10.25 Dickinson's Real Deal 11.25 **FILM: Batteries Not Included** (1987) Sci-fi fantasy, starring Jessica Tandy. 1.25 ITV News; Weather 1.35 ITV News London; Weather 1.40 **FILM: Step Up** (2006) Musical romance, with Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan. 3.45 The Chase Text Santa Christmas Special 4.45 Downton Abbey 6.35 **ITV News London**; Weather 6.45 **ITV News**; Weather 7.00 **Emmerdale** Robbie becomes suspicious of Charity and Declan at the hospital, so she returns to Home Farm planning to delete the CCTV footage, but what she views gives her food for thought. 7.30 **Coronation Street** Hayley waits for the results of her scan. 8.00 **You've Been Framed!** Comical clips. 8.30 **Coronation Street** Hayley breaks down and lashes out at Roy. 9.00 **Vicious A** festive edition of the comedy starring Ian McKellen and Derek Jacobi. Freddie and Stuart invite friends round for a Christmas Day celebration at their flat. 9.55 **FILM: Bridget Jones's Diary** (2001) A woman begins a new year by resolving to find love and give up her bad habits. Romantic comedy based on Helen Fielding's novel, with Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. 11.20 **ITV News at Ten**; Weather 11.35 **The Cube** Two contestants take up the challenge. 12.25 **Jackpot247 3.00 FILM: The Majestic** (2001) Drama, starring Jim Carrey. 5.30 ITV Nightscreen

**Channel 4**  
6.15 Suburgatory 6.40 According to Jim 7.30 Will & Grace 8.20 **FILM: A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures** (2010) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Dominic Cooper. 10.00 The Big Bang Theory 10.55 The Simpsons 11.55 **FILM: Aliens in the Attic** (2009) Children's sci-fi comedy, starring Carter Jenkins. 1.35 **FILM: Dr Dolittle** (1998) Comedy. 3.15 Deal or No Deal: Ideal Christmas 4.15 Come Dine with Me Christmas Special 5.20 The Simpsons 5.50 Hollyoaks 6.20 **Hoyle** Freddie races to save a loved one. 6.50 **Channel 4 News** 7.00 **4thought.tv** 7.05 **Gordon Ramsay's Home Cooking** The chef prepares some of his favourite hot and spicy festive recipes. 8.00 **Celebrity Come Dine with Me** Festive special, with Danniella Westbrook, Louie Spence, Sinitta and Hugo Taylor. 9.00 **FILM: The Inbetweeners Movie** (2011) Awkward teenagers Simon, Will, Jay and Neil head to Greece for a wild holiday – but things do not go to plan. Comedy, with Joe Thomas and Simon Bird. 10.55 **Queer as Pop: From the Gay Scene to the Mainstream** How the gay scene has influenced music. 11.55 **Chic: iTunes Festival Special** The group's performance at the music event. 12.55 **Kylie Minogue: Showgirl – Live At Earl's Court 1.55 FILM: The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (1975) Cult musical. 3.35 90210 4.15 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun 5.10 SuperScrimps 5.20 Deal or No Deal

**Channel 5**  
6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 World's Strongest Man 2013 11.00 **Eddie Stobart's Christmas Cracker 12.00 FILM: 633 Squadron** (1964) Second World War drama, starring Cliff Robertson. 1.50 **FILM: Zulu Dawn** (1979) Fact-based historical drama, starring Burt Lancaster. 4.10 **FILM: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** (1968) Children's musical adventure, starring Dick Van Dyke. 7.00 **Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery** Festive edition of the documentary, in which the company's truckers battle winter conditions to ensure shops and councils receive their supply of Christmas trees and salt; 5 News Update 8.00 **World's Strongest Man 2013** James Richardson presents the second heat from Hailu Bay in Sanya, China, featuring six competitors looking to finish in the top two and make it through to the final; 5 News 9.00 **Merry Christmas Mr Bean** Christmas slapstick, starring Rowan Atkinson. 9.30 **Do It Yourself Mr Bean** The hapless hero bags a bargain. 10.00 **Tommy Cooper's Christmas** A seasonal special from 1973, featuring comedy sketches, magic and guest appearances by Sacha Distel and Clodagh Rodgers, who perform a medley of festive favourites. Part of Slapstick Comedy Night. 11.05 **FILM: The Plank** (1967) Slapstick comedy, starring Eric Sykes and Tommy Cooper. 12.15 SuperCasino 3.05 Blackpool Lights 3.50 Motorsport Mundial 4.20 **House Doctor 4.45 Great Artists 5.10 Nick's Quest 5.35 Wildlife SOS**

**Movie Choices**  
**MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET** (1947) When a popular New York department store Santa Claus is placed in an asylum for claiming to be the genuine article, a crusading city lawyer takes on the case. Christmas drama, starring G. Edmund Gwenn. **Sky Movies Christmas** 11.20am-1pm **LIFE OF PI** (2012) A writer interviews a man about the extraordinary events of his life. He describes his childhood in India, living in the zoo run by his father, and how the family and their animals were forced to relocate to Canada when he was a teenager. However, during the sea voyage, the ship sank and he was left adrift in a small boat with a ferocious tiger. Adventure, starring Suraj Sharma. **Sky Movies Select** 8.00-10.10pm **GOODFELLAS** (1990) An Irish-Italian boy from a poor neighbourhood grows up idolising the glamorous lifestyle of the Mafia. Taken under the wing of a mobster, he rises quickly in the world of organised crime. But he soon has to face the realities of murder and treachery, while his involvement in drug deals puts him at risk from both sides of the law. Crime drama, starring Ray Liotta. **Sky Movies Greats** 10pm-12.30am **KILL BILL: VOL 1** (2003) A female assassin wakes from a four-year coma and promptly sets out on a campaign to wipe out her erstwhile colleagues, who tried to kill her at her own wedding – one of whom is now the kingpin of the Tokyo underworld. The first part of Quentin Tarantino's two-part martial arts thriller, starring Uma Thurman. **Sky Movies Select** 10.10pm-12.10am

**Satellite & Digital**  
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# December 28 TV



## Atlantis, BBC1, 8.15pm

John Hannah is no stranger to epic period adventures. He had a great time in Brendan Fraser's *The Mummy* trilogy, and hid his blushes in the blood-soaked, adults-only *Spartacus* series. Rest assured there's no post-watershed shenanigans in this swords-and-sandals saga when he guest stars as Tychon. The finale sees Minos (Alexander Siddig) at death's door, while Ariadne (Aiysha Hart) is accused of treason, so a scheming Pasphe (Sarah Parish) sentences her to a gruesome death worthy of her worst enemy. Now the court have sided with the Queen, Jason (Jack Donnelly) makes a final push to save Ariadne with the aid of his friends. Thankfully a few in Atlantis are still loyal to the King. With the battle lines drawn, it seems the odds are stacked against Jason O until an alarming revelation changes the future forever. We may not have the foresight of *The Oracle* (Juliet Stevenson), but we get the feeling this series should do rather well during 2014's glut of TV awards ceremonies. For now, place a cushion on the edge of your seat and enjoy as the series reaches its nerve-jangling conclusion.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live 11.30 Nigel Slater's New Year Suppers 12.00 Football Focus 12.45 Saturday Sportsday 1.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 1.15 F1 2013 - A Record Breaking Year 2.15 Bargain Hunt 3.15 Call the Midwife: Christmas Special 4.30 Final Score 5.10 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 5.30 Celebrity Mastermind 6.00 Pointless**

**Pointless Celebrities A** 1980s edition, featuring Colby actresses Stephanie Beacham and Emma Samms. TV-am presenter Anne Diamond and Rustie Lee, and Five Star singers Denise Pearson and Sedman Pearson.

**6.50 FILM: Up (2009)** An old man uses balloons to fly his house to South America, but finds an excitable boy scout has stowed away. Animated adventure, with the voice of Ed Asner.

**8.15 Atlantis** Part two of two. Ariadne is found guilty of treason and sentenced to death. Last in the series.

**9.00 Death Comes to Pemberley** Elizabeth remains aggrieved at Darcy's treatment of Georgiana, but the indiscretions that come to light during Wickham's murder trial help to reunite the family. Last in the series.

**10.00 The National Lottery Live 10.10 BBC News; Weather 10.30 Match of the Day** Highlights of the latest Premier League fixtures, including Norwich City v Manchester United and Cardiff City v Sunderland; National Lottery Update

**11.50 FILM: Rogue (2007)** Premiere. Thriller, starring Radha Mitchell.

**1.30 Weatherview 1.35 BBC News**

## Satellite & Digital

**SKY1 6.00** The Middle **7.00** Yonderland **8.00** Sinbad **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **12.00** WWE Superstars **1.00** Modern Family **2.00** The Smurfs: A Christmas Carol **2.30** Yonderland **3.30** The Simpsons **4.00** Sinbad **5.00** The Simpsons **8.00** Moonfleet **9.00** Mad Dogs: The Finale **10.00** FILM: The Karate Kid (1984) **12.25** A League of Their Own **1.25** Spartacus: Blood and

## BBC2

**6.00 This Is BBC Two 6.40 Natural World: Grizzlies of Alaska 7.40 Antiques Road Trip 9.40 Africa 10.40 FILM: Ice Princess (2005)** Comedy drama, starring Michelle Trachtenberg. **12.10 FILM: Revenge of the Bridesmaids (2010)** Premiere. Comedy, starring Raven-Symone and JoAnna Garcia Swisher. **1.35 FILM: The Accidental Husband (2008)**

Romantic comedy, starring Uma Thurman. **3.00** Ben & James Versus the Arabian Desert **4.00** Flog It! **5.00 FILM: The Guns of Navarone (1961)** Adventure, starring Gregory Peck.

**7.30 Dad's Army** Mainwaring organises a Christmas treat.

**8.00 100 Years of the Palladium** Cliff Richard, Bruce Forsyth and Andrew Lloyd Webber are among the stars sharing the gossip, glamour and behind-the-scenes goings-on of one of the world's most famous theatres.

**9.00 FILM: I Am Number Four (2011)** Premiere. A teenager with special powers is forced to live as a fugitive from aliens determined to hunt him down. Alex Pettyfer stars.

**10.40 Charlie Brooker's 2013 Wipe** A satirical look back at the events of the past 12 months, which included the horse-meat scandal, the death of Margaret Thatcher and the US government shutdown.

**11.40 Ambassadors A** dissident seeks sanctuary in the embassy.

**12.40 FILM: The Curse of Frankenstein (1957)** Hammer horror, starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee. **2.00** Sign Zone: Killer Whales: Beneath the Surface - Natural World **3.00** The Silent War **4.00** This Is BBC Two

**Sand 2.40 Road Wars 3.30** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Omid Djalili's Little Cracker **4.30** Alison Steadman's Little Cracker **5.00** Football's Funniest Moments

**SKY ATLANTIC 6.00** Love/Lust and Power Couples **7.00** The British **8.00** Seinfeld **9.00** Inside the Actors Studio: Sarah Jessica Parker **10.00** Inside the Actors Studio: Mike Myers **11.00** Inside the Actors Studio: Josh Brodin **12.00** ER **3.00** Blue Bloods **6.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **8.00** Richard E. Grant's Hotel Secrets **9.00** Boardwalk Empire **10.15** The

## ITV

**6.00 CITY 9.25 ITV News 9.30** The Home of Fabulous Cakes **10.30** Murder, She Wrote **11.30** ITV News; Weather **11.35** Dinner Date **12.35** Midsomer Murders **2.35** The One and Only Cilla Black **4.05** Off Their Rockers **4.35** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas **5.35** ITV News London; Weather **5.45** ITV News; Weather **6.00** The Chase: Celebrity

Special With Rebecca Adlington, Kate Garraway, Ritchie Neville and Rosemary Shrager. Last in the series.

**7.00 All Star Family Fortunes** New series. A team from Dancing on Ice and some of the stars of Coronation Street compete for the chance to win cash for charity. Vernon Kay hosts this festive special.

**8.00 The Cube: Celebrity Special** Loose Women's Sherrie Hewson and Lisa Maxwell and former co-panelist Denise Welch take on the Cube together, and Olympic gold medalist Greg Rutherford tackles the challenge solo.

**9.00 The Jonathan Ross Show** The host is joined by wildlife legend David Attenborough, stand-up comedian John Bishop, superstar chef Jamie Oliver and hard-man actor Ray Winstone. Susan Boyle provides the music.

**10.15 ITV News; Weather 10.30 FILM: The Holiday (2006)**

Two single women from opposite sides of the Atlantic find love after they swap houses over Christmas. Romantic comedy, starring Cameron Diaz.

**1.00** Jackpot247 **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA **3.40** ITV Nightscreen

**Sopranos 11.30** Jason Manfred's Little Cracker **12.00** Tommy Tiernan's Little Cracker **12.30** Game of Thrones **1.45** Networks of Power with Sir Christopher Meyer **2.45** Boardwalk Empire **4.00** Inside the Actors Studio: Sarah Jessica Parker **5.00** The Devil's Dinner Party

**BBC3 7.00** Great Movie Mistakes **2013 7.15** Top Gear Botswana Special **8.15** FILM: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa **(2008) 9.35** Live at the Apollo **10.20** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.05** Family Guy **12.40**

## Channel 4

**6.15 FILM: Ramona and Beesuz (2010)** Family comedy, starring Joey King. **8.00** The Morning Line **9.00** The American Football Show **10.00** Frasier **11.00** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** The Simpsons **1.00** Channel 4 Racing **3.35** Celebrity Come Dine with Me **5.40** Channel 4 News **5.55** 4thought.tv

**6.00 George Clarke's Amazing Christmas Spaces** The architect visits a man-made stalactite crystal grotto in Surrey, and a Victorian flat-pack tin chapel in Shropshire that has been turned into a magical holiday home.

**7.00 FILM: The Italian Job (1969)** A crook puts together a plan to steal \$4million in gold and make a quick getaway from central Turin in a fleet of Minis. Crime comedy, starring Michael Caine and Noel Coward.

**9.00 50 Funniest Moments 2013** A countdown of the most hilarious, surprising and sometimes shocking incidents from the past 12 months, with contributions from Danny Dyer, Russell Kane and Helen Flanagan.

**11.05 The Inbetweeners** The lads visit a Caravan Club meeting under the impression that it is really a massive orgy.

**11.35 The Inbetweeners** Will is put in charge of organising the end-of-term Christmas prom, so he enlists the help of Simon, Jay and Neil.

**12.05 The Inbetweeners 12.35 FILM: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (2009)** Mystery thriller, starring Michael Nyqvist and Noomi Rapace. **3.10** Holyoaks **5.25** Suburgatory **5.50** The Treacle People

**FILM: Anuvahood (2011) 2.05** Sweat the Small Stuff **2.35** Some Girls **3.35** Going Native **3.55** Close

**BBC4 7.00** Horizon: The Secret Life of the Cat **8.00** Royal Institution Christmas Lectures **2013: Life Fantastic 9.00** The Bermuda Triangle: Beneath the Waves **10.00** Endeavour: Everest by Canoe **10.45** Queen Live in Budapest: Hungarian Rhapsody **12.20** Sounds of the 70s 2 Soul - Keep On Keeping On **12.50** The High Art of the Low Countries **1.50** Royal Institution Christmas Lectures

## Channel 5

**6.00 Milkshake! 10.00** Inside Hollywood **10.10** The Dog Rescuers **10.40** FILM: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968)

Children's musical adventure, starring Dick Van Dyke. **1.25** FILM: Oklahoma! (1955) Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical Western, with Gordon MacRae. **4.10** FILM: The Princess Bride (1987)

**6.00 FILM: Michael Jackson's This Is It (2009)** Documentary following the singer rehearsing for his planned 50 shows at London's O2, before his death in June 2009. Featuring classic hits and interviews with Jackson.

**7.55 5 News Weekend 8.00** World's Strongest Man **2013** James Richardson presents action from the third heat from Haitang Bay in Sanya, China, as another six competitors aimed to finish in the top two and make it through to the final.

**9.00 FILM: Abduction (2011)** Premiere. A teenager realises he was abducted as a child and goes in search of his real identity as shadowy agents pursue him. Action thriller, with Taylor Lautner and Lily Collins.

**11.05 FILM: Superbad (2007)** Two teenagers hope to lose their virginity at a party - but to get into the bash they must take booze, which proves harder than expected. Jonah Hill stars.

**1.25** SuperCasino **3.10** My Depression Diaries: Kerry Katona **4.00** Wildlife SOS **4.20** Make It Big **4.50** Roary the Racing Car **5.00** Angels of Jarm **5.10** Hana's Helpline **5.20** Angels of Jarm **5.30** The Funky Valley Show **5.40** Roary the Racing Car **5.50** Hana's Helpline

**2013: Life Fantastic 2.50** Horizon: The Secret Life of the Cat **3.50** Close

**ITV2 6.00** Tine Tempah: The Hot Desk **6.10** Coronation Street **9.15** Emmerdale **12.40** You've Been Framed! **1.10** Peter Andre: My Life at Christmas **2.15** Cinderella **3.45** FILM: Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith **(2005) 6.30** FILM: Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope **(1977) 9.00** FILM: The Bourne Supremacy **(2004) 11.10** Celebrity Juice **11.50** Plebs **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA **4.05** Girlsfriends **5.45** Little Mix: The Hot Desk

## Movie Choices

**MASH (1970)** American battlefield surgeons embark on a campaign of drinking, womanising and practical jokes in an attempt to alleviate the horror of the Korean War. Satirical comedy drama directed by Robert Altman, which spawned a long-running TV series. Starring Donald Sutherland. **Sky Movies Select 10.15am-12.15pm**

**GROUNDHOG DAY (1993)** An obnoxious TV weatherman reporting on a small town's annual festival finds himself caught in a bizarre time loop, and is forced to relive the same day over and over again. While at first he tries to exploit his predicament, he is ultimately driven to mend his ways and adopt a less cynical attitude. Comedy, starring Bill Murray. **Sky Movies Comedy 6.15-8pm**

**SKY MOVIES (1975)** A New England seaside town's tourist season is turned into a nightmare by a giant killer shark. The local police chief's efforts to protect the public are thwarted by the greedy mayor, forcing him to join forces with a grizzled fisherman and a marine biologist to hunt and kill the monster predator. Steven Spielberg's thriller, starring Roy Scheider. **Sky Movies Sci-Fi/Horror 6.55-9pm**

**PLAY MISTY FOR ME (1971)** A DJ has a one-night stand with an obsessive woman who repeatedly calls his station with the same song request. When he revives his relationship with an old flame, his unstable fan is driven mad with jealousy. Psychological thriller, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood, with Jessica Walter. **Sky Movies Select 7.15-9pm**

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# December 29 TV



## Agatha Christie's Marple, ITV, 8pm

David Suchet's Poirot may have solved his last case, but the good news for Agatha Christie fans is that Julia McKenzie's Miss Marple is still going strong – in fact, the sleuth is even cropping up in adaptations of books that didn't originally feature her. The latest Christie novel to get the Marple treatment is *Endless Night*, which finds our amateur detective staying with her widowed friend Marjorie (Wendy Craig). While there, Miss Marple meets Mike (Tom Hughes), a young, handsome chauffeur, who opens up to her about his big dreams for the future, including his ambition to build a house on the site of local beauty spot Gypsies' Acre, despite rumours that it's cursed. When he then meets American heiress Ellie (Joanna Vanderham), it seems he's found the perfect girl to share his ideal home. Miss Marple helps the young couple to settle in, but Ellie doesn't find it quite as easy as Mike to ignore all the talk of the place being unlucky, especially when they become the victims of a hate campaign designed to drive them out. So when tragedy then strikes, is it the curse at work, a tragic coincidence or something much more sinister?

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast 9.10 Match of the Day 10.30 FILM: Father of the Bride Part II** (1995) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Martin. **12.15 MOTD2 Extra 1.45 Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave 1.45 Shrek: The Pig Who Cried Werewolf 1.55 FILM: Monsters vs Aliens** (2009) Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Reese Witherspoon. **3.20 The Puppet Game Show 4.00 Comic Relief 2013: 100 Million Laughs 5.00 Songs of Praise 5.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather 6.00 Countryfile** Ellie Harrison recalls some of the endangered animals featured on the programme, including red squirrels photographed by Julia Bradbury in the Yorkshire Dales. Including *Weather for the Week Ahead*. **7.00 Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce looks back at some of the best finds in recent times. **8.00 FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** (2011) Premiere. Captain Jack Sparrow's search for the fountain of youth leads to a battle with the dreaded pirate Blackbeard. Fantasy adventure sequel, with Johnny Depp and Penelope Cruz. **10.05 BBC News; Weather 10.30 Match of the Day 2** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, which included Chelsea v Liverpool at Stamford Bridge and Everton v Southampton at Goodison Park. **11.50 The Football League Show** Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two. **1.05 Weatherview 1.10 BBC News**

## BBC2

**6.00 This Is BBC Two 6.10 Natural World: Bringing Up Baby 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites 11.30 The A to Z of TV Cooking 12.15 EastEnders 3.15 Ben & James Versus the Arabian Desert 4.15 Flog It! 5.15 FILM: Force 10 from Navarone** (1978) **7.15 Porridge** Mackay and Barracough discover Fletch is making booze in his cell and the crafty con seems certain to spend Christmas in solitary. Festive special from 1976, with Ronnie Barker. **8.00 Morecambe & Wise in Pieces: Curtains** The second of two compilations of highlights from the comedy duo's shows. **9.00 Michael Palin in Wyth's World: A Culture Show** Special Monty Python star Michael Palin examines the work of American realist artist Andrew Wyeth. **10.00 Q! Stephen Fry** hosts a festive edition of the quiz, with Jo Brand, Phill Jupitus, Brendan O'Carroll and Alan Davies answering questions on the theme of Kris Kringle. **10.30 2013: Moments in Time** The story of 2013 told through the most powerful images captured by members of the public, from the helicopter crash in London in January to the Boston Marathon bombing. **11.30 Top of the Pops 2: Christmas 2013** Festive favourites from the BBC archive. **1.00 Ambassadors 2.00 FILM: The Abominable Snowman** (1957) Hammer horror, starring Peter Cushing. **3.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile 4.20 Holby City 5.20 This Is BBC Two**

## ITV

**6.00 CITY 9.25 ITV News 9.30 Storage Hounds 10.30 Sunday Side Up 11.30 Sunday Scoop 12.30 ITV News; Weather 12.35 Inside the National Trust 1.35 Midsomer Murders 3.35 Love Your Garden 4.35 Just Henry 6.35 ITV News London; Weather 6.45 ITV News; Weather 7.00 Christmas Catchphrase** Stephen Mulhern hosts a festive special of the game show, challenging Carol Vorderman, Michael Ball and Michelle Collins to see it and say it. **8.00 Agatha Christie's Marple** Newlyweds Mike and Ellie decide to build their dream home at a beauty spot called Gypsies' Acre, ignoring the warnings of elusive romany Mrs Lee about an ancient curse supposedly cast upon the land. The couple settle into their new life, but the mysterious woman makes her presence felt, subjecting them to a campaign of hatred in an attempt to force them out. Before long, tragedy strikes, and only Miss Marple can solve the riddle. However, in doing so she must put her own life in grave danger. Murder mystery, starring Julia McKenzie. Last in the series. **10.05 ITV News at Ten; Weather 10.15 FILM: The Break-Up** (2006) A couple's relationship comes to an end, but neither wants to give up their home, forcing them to carry on living together. Comedy drama, starring Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn. **12.10 Premiership Rugby Union 1.10 The Store 2.55 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA 3.45 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show**

## Channel 4

**6.00 The American Football Show 6.55 FILM: Boo, Zino and the Snurks** (2004) Animated adventure, with the voice of Patrick Stewart. **8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond 9.00 Frasier 9.30 Sunday Brunch 12.30 The Big Bang Theory 1.00 The Simpsons 1.30 FILM: Inkheart** (2008) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. **3.30 Channel 4 News 3.50 4thoughtTV 3.55 FILM: Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events** (2004) Comedy adventure, starring Jim Carrey. **6.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me** Festive special, with Danniella Foy, Louie Spence, Sinita and Hugo Taylor. **7.00 Bears Wild Weekend** with Stephen Fry Bear Grylls takes the Q! host on a fun-filled expedition to the Italian Dolomites. **8.00 Speed with Guy Martin** New series. The motorcycle racer takes part in four adrenaline-fuelled challenges. **9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special** With Holly Willoughby, Henning Wehn, Alan Davies and Nick Helm. **10.00 Rude Tube's Christmas Cracker** 2013 Countdown of 50 memorable festive internet videos. **11.05 Mashed 2013** Digitally enhanced round-up of 2013's big news events. **11.40 The Inbetweeners** The friends prepare for their exams. Last in the series. **12.10 The Inbetweeners 1.10 American Football Live 4.45 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind 4.50 Countdown 5.35 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard**

## Channel 5

**6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 Inside Hollywood 10.00 The Dog Rescuers 10.25 World's Strongest Man 2013 12.25 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers 1.30 FILM: 21** (2008) Drama, starring Kevin Spacey. **3.45 FILM: Yanks** (1979) Romantic drama. **6.20 FILM: Snow White** (2001) A widower struggling to provide for his daughter is granted three wishes by a strange creature – but at a high price. Fairy-tale fantasy, with Kristin Kreuk. **7.55 5 News Weekend 8.00 World's Strongest Man 2013** James Richardson presents action from the fourth heat from Haikang Bay in Sanya, China, where the top two of six competitors would progress to the final. **9.00 An Audience with Bruce Forsyth** The versatile veteran entertainer reveals his many talents in a feast of song and dance before a VIP audience, who quiz him about his remarkable career. **10.05 Bruce Forsyth's Comedy Heroes** The entertainer discusses his favourite comics, including Max Miller, Laurel and Hardy and Harry Hill. Contributors include Michael Grade, Jimmy Tarbuck and Barry Cryer. **11.05 FILM: Shirley Valentine** (1989) Comedy, starring Pauline Collins. **1.15 SuperCasino 3.05 Louis Smith: Living with ADHD 3.55 Wildlife SOS 4.20 Make It Big 4.50 Roary the Racing Car 5.00 Angels of Jarm 5.10 Hana's Helpline 5.20 Angels of Jarm 5.30 The Funky Valley Show 5.40 Roary the Racing Car 5.50 Hana's Helpline**

## Movie Choices

**SPIDER-MAN** (2002) A teenager develops superhuman powers after a spider bites him. At first his fantastic skills delight him, but his elation is severely tempered by a family tragedy, prompting him to dedicate his talents to combating evil. However, he faces a baptism of fire in the form of crazed villain the Green Goblin. Superhero adventure, with Tobey Maguire. **Sky Movies Action & Adventure 12.25-2.30pm OLIVER!** (1968) Musical version of Charles Dickens' classic tale about a lonely workhouse orphan who ends up on the cold streets of London where he falls under the wing of petty crook Fagin and his gang of young beggar-thieves. Starring Ron Moody. **Sky Movies Family 2.15-4.45pm ANTZ** (1998) A neurotic worker ant passes himself off as a soldier to impress a princess. However, he provokes a jealous ambitious general with an accidental act of heroism – so he and his beloved decide to flee the brutal colony and go in search of the promised land of Insectopia. **Sky Movies Family 4.50-6.20pm CITY OF GOD** (2002) Over the course of 20 years, gang rivalry for control of the drug trade escalates into extreme violence and becomes the scourge of a Rio de Janeiro slum. Buscapes wants to be a photographer and escape this environment, but is continually pulled back into the criminal underworld through his ties to childhood acquaintance L'Il Ze, a thug bent on being top dog. Alexandre Rodrigues stars. **Sky Movies Greats 10.20pm-12.30am**

## Satellite & Digital

**SKY1 6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Yonderland 8.00 Sinbad 9.00 The Simpsons 9.30 Rebecca Front's Little Cracker 10.00 WWE Superstars 11.00 WWE: Experience 12.00 The Simpsons 12.30 Modern Family 1.30 The Middle 2.00 FILM: The Karate Kid (1984) 4.00 Moonlight 5.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Moonlight 9.00 Mad Dogs: The Finale 10.00 A League of Their Own: Christmas Special**

**11.00 Banhees 12.15 An Idiot Abroad 3 1.15 A League of Their Own 2.15 Spartacus: Blood and Sand 3.30 Nothing to Declare 4.00 Alison Steadman's Little Cracker 4.30 Joanna Lumley's Little Cracker 5.00 Luton Airport SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 Love/Lust and Lingerie 7.00 Seinfeld 8.00 Friday Night Lights 9.00 Inside the Actors Studio: Mike Myers 10.00 Inside the Actors Studio: Josh Brelin 11.00 The Petrol Age 1.00 Urban Scouts 2.00 Mankind: The Story of All of Us 3.00 Team Sky and British Cycling: The Road**

**to Glory 5.00 The Petrol Age 7.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 8.00 Vegas 9.00 Game of Thrones 10.15 FILM: Clear History (2013) 12.10 Dylan Moran's Little Cracker 12.40 Sharon Hogan's Little Cracker 1.10 FILM: Falcone (1999) 3.30 Set List: Stand-Up Without a Net 4.00 Iconoclasm 5.00 The Devil's Dinner Party BBG 7.00 Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide 9.00 Top Gear Polar Special 10.05 Russell Howard's Good News 11.05 Family Guy 11.50 FILM: Starship Troopers (1997) 1.45 Russell Howard's Good News 2.45 Backchat with**

**Jack Whitehall and His Dad Christmas Special 3.30 Bluestone 4.2 Christmas Special 4.00 Close BBC4 7.00 Snow Babies 8.00 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2013: Life Fantastic 9.00 FILM: Scott of the Antarctic (1948) 10.45 Endeavour: Everest Without Oxygen 11.35 Nasa – Triumph and Tragedy 12.35 The High Art of the Low Countries 1.35 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2013: Life Fantastic 2.35 The Bridge 3.35 Close ITV2 6.00 Union J: The Hot Desk 6.10**

**Emmerdale 9.15 Coronation Street 12.50 The X Factor: Boys! All-Time Best and Worst 1.50 FILM: Peter Pan (2003) 4.00 FILM: Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope (1977) 6.30 FILM: Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) 9.00 FILM: Shaun of the Dead (2004) 11.00 FILM: Pitch Black (2000) 1.05 MC Hammer's Big Shot Academy 2.05 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA 3.15 FILM: No Reservations (2007) 5.00 Girlfriends 5.50 Conor Maynard: The Hot Desk**

# December 30 TV



## The Thirteenth Tale, BBC2, 9.30pm

In 2006, *Harrowgate*, based on the true story of a woman who became a sensation, topping even bestseller lists in the US as well as in the UK. Her book, *The Thirteenth Tale*, tells the story of Margaret, a writer commissioned to pen the biography of Vida Winter, a legendary author whose health is failing. Vida has handpicked Margaret for the job, and she has plenty of stories to tell – long-kept secrets involving disturbing events which took place at Angelfield, her family home. Much of the tale is told in flashbacks to the 1940s, when Vida was a child, and focuses on twins who share a private language, an incestuously close brother and sister and a scheming governess – basically, pretty much all the ingredients needed for a classic gothic novel. The Beeb has certainly spared no expense in bringing it to the small screen in a feature-length drama; Olivia Colman, Vanessa Redgrave and Robert Pugh head the cast, and the script was penned by Christopher Hampton, who's best known for penning the Oscar-winning screenplay for *Dangerous Liaisons*.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast 9.10 FILM: Bridge to Terabithia** (2007) Fantasy drama, starring Josh Hutcherson. **10.40 FILM: Sky High** (2005) Fantasy comedy, starring Kurt Russell. **12.15 Bargain Hunt 1.00 BBC News; Weather 1.10 Regional News; Weather 1.20 The One Show: Best of 2013 1.50 A Question of Sport: Christmas Special 2.20 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out 2.45 FILM: WALL-E** (2008) Pixar animated adventure, with the voice of Ben Burtt. **4.15 FILM: Mary Poppins** (1964) Disney musical fantasy, with Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. **6.30 BBC News; Weather 6.50 BBC London News; Weather 7.00 Celebrity Mastermind** With James Allen, David Bradley and Shobu Kapoor. **7.30 FILM: Shrek Forever After** (2010) A magical trickster leaves the grumpy ogre stuck in an alternate world where no one knows who he is. Animated comedy, with the voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy and Cameron Diaz. **9.00 EastEnders** Ronnie finds drugs in Roy's bag. **9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys New Year Special** The dotting mother gets a new house guest – a homeless parrot. **10.10 BBC News 10.25 Regional News; Weather 10.30 Comic Relief 2013: 100 Million Laughs** A look back at the charity event. **11.30 BBC News: The Editors** A discussion on the year's big news stories. **12.00 FILM: Disgrace** (2008) Drama, starring John Malkovich. **1.50 Weatherview 1.55 BBC News**

## BBC2

**6.00 This Is BBC Two 6.30 Natural World: Komodo – Secrets of the Dragon 7.30 Sign Zone: The House That £100K Built 8.30 Britain's Empty Homes 9.00 Africa 10.00 Earthlight 11.00 The Great British Bake Off 1.00 Antiques Road Trip 2.00 FILM: Ice Station Zebra** (1968) Arctic adventure, starring Rock Hudson. **4.20 Attenborough and the Giant Egg 5.20 Flog It! 6.00 Celebrity Eggheads** Former EastEnders actors compete. **6.30 The Secret Life of Mary Poppins: A Culture Show** Special Victoria Coren Mitchell explores the life of author PL Travers, on whose books the film Mary Poppins was based. With contributions by Emma Thompson and Cameron Mackintosh. **7.30 Dad's Army** The vicar holds a fundraising bazaar. Last in the series. **8.00 Christmas University Challenge** Leicester takes on Sussex. **8.30 The Sacred Wonders of Britain** New series. Neil Oliver investigates the hallowed sites of ancient Britain. **9.30 The Thirteenth Tale** A writer is forced to confront her own past while interviewing a terminally ill writer for a biography. Psychological mystery, starring Olivia Colman. **11.00 Mel Smith: I've Sort of Done Things** A celebration of the life and career of the actor, writer and director. **12.00 Respect: A Felix Dexter Special 12.30 FILM: Good Hair** (2009) Premiere. Documentary. **2.05 Sign Zone: Imagine – Jimi Hendrix: Hear My Train a Comin' 3.55 This Is BBC Two**

## ITV

**6.00 Daybreak 8.30 Lorraine 9.25 Murder, She Wrote 10.25 Dickinson's Real Deal 11.25 FILM: The Railway Children** (1970) Period family drama, starring Jenny Agutter. **1.35 ITV News; Weather 1.45 ITV News London; Weather 1.50 Dinner Date 2.50 Christmas Catchphrase 3.55 FILM: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed** (2004) Comedy, with Sarah Michelle Gellar. **5.35 You've Been Framed! & Famous 6.00 Aussie Animal Island** The Tasmanian devils are captured and examined ahead of breeding season. **6.30 ITV News London; Weather 6.45 ITV News; Weather 7.00 Emmerdale** Charity visits Sam to find out what he said to the police. **7.30 Coronation Street** Hour-long episode. Peter punches Rob after he makes an innocent comment about Tina, while a devastated Hayley leaves Roy to inform everyone she only has weeks to live. **8.30 FILM: Quantum of Solace** (2008) James Bond sets out on a personal mission of vengeance and uncovers a plan to cause a coup in a Latin American country. Spy thriller sequel, with Daniel Craig and Olga Kurylenko. **10.30 ITV News; Weather 10.45 FILM: The Game** (1997) A selfish banker gets caught up in a complex psychological game, causing his life to unravel in explosive fashion. Thriller, with Michael Douglas. **1.05 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA 3.45 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show**

## Channel 4

**6.00 The Treacle People Christmas Special 6.20 According to Jim 6.45 Will & Grace 7.35 FILM: See Spot Run** (2001) Comedy, starring David Arquette. **9.20 How I Met Your Mother 10.20 The Big Bang Theory 11.20 The Simpsons 12.20 FILM: Space Chimps** (2008) Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Andy Samberg. **2.00 FILM: Coraline** (2009) Animated fantasy. **4.00 Deal or No Deal 5.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me 6.00 Hollyoaks** Ruby's loneliness prompts her to turn to drugs once again. **6.30 Hollyoaks** Ziggy fuels Ruby's growing drug habit on New Year's Eve. **7.00 Channel 4 News 7.05 Gok Dese Panto** Fashion guru Gok Wan rehearses for his pantomime debut. **8.00 Jamie's Feast** Jamie Oliver prepares a variety of dishes that are ideal for the lazy winter days between Christmas and New Year, from simple one-pot wonders to perfect party food. **9.00 Doggy Styling** The competitive world of extreme dog grooming. **10.00 Twit of the Year** Leading comedians and prolific celebrity tweeters take a look back at the biggest social-media gaffes and triumphs that got the nation talking in 2013. **11.30 C4's 30 Greatest Comedy Shows** Celebrating some of the station's most impressive comedy series. **1.25 FILM: Vampires Suck** (2010) Premiere. Spoof comedy, starring Jenn Proske. **2.50 Nashville 3.30 90210 4.15 Suburgatory 4.55 Countdown 5.40 SuperScribers**

## Channel 5

**6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 Inside Hollywood 9.55 The Dog Rescuers 10.25 Britain's Craziest Christmas Lights 11.25 World's Strongest Man 2013 12.25 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers 1.25 Winter Road Rescue 2.25 FILM: The Alamo** (1960) A small Texan volunteer force is charged with holding off a 7,000-strong invading Mexican army. Fact-based Western, directed by and starring John Wayne. With Richard Widmark. **5.10 FILM: The Four Feathers** (2002) Historical adventure, starring Heath Ledger. **7.30 Eddie Stobart: 12 Days of Christmas** A compilation of the most memorable festive moments from the series following the haulage company, featuring workers battling the elements, the traffic and the Christmas rush; 5 News Update. **8.30 World's Strongest Man 2013** James Richardson presents action from the fifth heat from Haikang Bay in Sanya, China, as the remaining two places in the final were decided; 5 News Update. **9.30 FILM: Dirty Dancing** (1987) A dance instructor at a 1960s resort teaches a naive teenager about self-expression as they perform in an important show. Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. **11.35 Jesus Christ Superstar** Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's rock musical telling the story of the last week of Christ's life. Starring Ben Forster, Tim Minchin and Chris Moyles. **1.50 SuperCasino 3.05 My Post-Baby Breakdown: Jennifer Ellison 3.55 House Doctor 4.45 Great Artists 5.10 Nick's Quest 5.35 Wildlife SOS**

## Movie Choices

**HUGO** (2011) An orphan lives in the walls of a 1930s railway station, hiding from the inspector who would send him to an orphanage. He scours the station for parts to complete a clockwork robot invented by his father, a quest which leads him to uncover a lonely shopkeeper's mysterious past. Martin Scorsese's family adventure, starring Asa Butterfield. **Sky Movies Showcase 10.20am-12.30pm THE ARTIST** (2011) A 1920s movie actor is smitten with a chorus girl he meets by chance, and helps arrange her big break in the film industry. She rises from extra to headline star, but the advent of sound leaves his career in ruins, as he finds himself unable to adapt to the changing nature of screen acting. Oscar-winning silent drama, starring Jean Dujardin. **Sky Movies Select 11.5am-1pm THE MASTER** (2012) After leaving the navy, a Second World War veteran with a fierce temper develops a relationship with a man starting his own religion. However, the former serviceman's impulses remain hard to control, especially when confronted with evidence of the cult leader's dishonesty. Joaquin Phoenix stars. **Sky Movies Select 7.30-10pm LIFE OF PI** (2012) A writer interviews a man about the extraordinary events of his life. He describes his childhood in India, living in the zoo run by his father, and how his family and their animals were forced to relocate to Canada when he was a teenager. Suraj Sharma and Irrfan Khan star. **Sky Movies Greats 8.00-10.10pm**

## Satellite & Digital

**SKY1 6.00 The Middle 7.00 Yonderland 8.00 Sinbad 9.00 The Simpsons 10.00 Glee 12.00 Sheridan Smith's Little Cracker 12.15 Jane Horrocks' Little Cracker 12.30 Modern Family 1.30 The Middle 2.30 Yonderland 3.30 The Simpsons 4.00 Sinbad 5.00 The Simpsons 5.30 Modern Family 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 All About: East Coast Trains 9.00 Strike Back: Shadow Warfare 10.00 Banhees 11.05**

**An Idiot Abroad 3 12.05 Spartacus: Blood and Sand 12.05 A League of Their Own 2.10 Road Wars 4.00 Rebecca Front's Little Cracker 4.30 Luton Airport 5.00 Airline SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 The Devil's Dinner Party 7.00 ER 8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 11.00 Blue Bloods 12.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 1.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 1.00 Blue Bloods 1.00 House 3.00 ER 6.00 House 8.00 Friday Night Lights 9.00 Sarah Silverman: We Are Miracles 10.20 Set List: Stand-Up Without a Net 10.50**

**Boardwalk Empire 12.05 Weeks 12.40 Curb Your Enthusiasm 1.15 Set List 1.45 Sarah Silverman: We Are Miracles 3.05 Mad Men 4.00 Stargate SG-1 5.00 Iconoclasm BBG 7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes 7.25 FILM: Streetdance (2010) 9.00 FILM: Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981) 10.50 EastEnders 11.20 Family Guy 12.50 American Dad! 1.10 Sweat the Small Stuff 1.40 Snog, Marry, Avoid? Christmas Special 2.10 Some Girls 3.10 C-Boombi 3.30 Snog, Marry, Avoid? Christmas Special 4.00 Close**

**BBC4 7.00 The Code of Life: Great Scientists in their Own Words 8.00 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2013: Life Fantastic 9.00 Krakatoa Revealed 9.50 Endeavour: Everest by Balloon 10.45 4,000-Year-Old Cold Case: The Body in the Bog 11.45 Nasa – Triumph and Tragedy 12.45 The High Art of the Low Countries 1.50 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2013: Life Fantastic 2.50 The Bridge 3.45 Close ITV2 6.00 Emmerdale 6.25 Coronation Street 7.25 You've Been Framed! 7.55 FILM:**

**Free Willy 3: The Rescue (1997) 9.45 FILM: Dragonheart (1996) 11.45 Emmerdale 12.15 Coronation Street 1.25 FILM: Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) 3.20 FILM: Star Wars: Episode V – The Empire Strikes Back (1980) 5.50 FILM: Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi (1983) 8.30 You've Been Framed! 9.00 FILM: Love Actually (2003) 11.45 Coronation Street 2.35 Guinness World Records 3.25 Foot Britannia 3.50 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA 5.10 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Trials and Tribulations**

# New Year's Eve TV



**Gary Barlow's Big Ben Bash Live, BBC1, 11.15pm**

Given the fact he's been one of the most ubiquitous artists of the year, there is a danger of even his fans suffering from Gary Barlow burnout. Following his excellent Children in Need Rocks concerts in November, by December 11 he was all over the BBC, guesting on Ken Bruce's and Steve Wright's radio 2 shows. By the evening he took part in a Q and A on the BBC website, and was online again that evening as a live performance of his new album Since I Saw You Last was broadcast on the Radio 2 website. Over on ITV, his X Factor appearances and that pre-Christmas trip to Afghanistan also meant he's dominated commercial TV as well. If you're still in the mood for some Barlow action, then don't miss this gig at the Central Hall in London's Westminster. Yes, some of the old Take That favourites are present and correct, and there's yet another chance for GB to plug his new solo album. Gatecrashing the show at midnight will be the chimes of Big Ben and then the stars – and assorted fireworks – will be coming out tonight as the skies over the Thames are lit up by fireworks.

## BBC1

**6.00 Breakfast 9.10 FILM: Bee Movie** (2007) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jerry Seinfeld.  
**10.30 FILM: Beverly Hills Chihuahua** (2008) Comedy, with the voice of Drew Barrymore.  
**12.00 Bargain Hunt 1.00 BBC News 1.15 Regional News: Weather 1.20 FILM: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian** (2008) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Ben Barnes. **3.35 Kung Fu Panda: Secrets of the Furious Five 4.00 FILM: How to Train Your Dragon** (2010) Animated comedy. **5.30 Top of the Pops New Year**  
**6.30 BBC News**  
**6.45 BBC London News**  
**7.00 Celebrity Mastermind** With Shaun Keaveny, Mark Watson, Bunney Campione and Frank Cottrell Boyce.  
**7.30 EastEnders** Carl invites Roxie to Paris, leading to a tense confrontation with Ronnie.  
**8.00 Holby City** Guy attempts to rebuild his relationship with Zosia.  
**9.00 Two Doors Down** One-off comedy about a couple hosting a New Year's Eve party.  
**10.00 BBC News: Weather**  
**10.15 The Graham Norton Show** With the stars of Anchorman 2 and the Monty Python team; National Lottery Update  
**11.15 Gary Barlow's Big Ben Bash Live** The singer performs live in London.  
**11.55 New Year's Eve Fireworks**  
**12.10 Gary Barlow's Big Ben Bash Live 12.30 John Bishop Live: Rollercoaster Tour 1.50 FILM: Kevin and Perry Go Large** (2000) Comedy, starring Harry Enfield and Kathy Burke. **3.05 Weatherview 3.10 BBC News**

## Satellite & Digital

**SKY1 6.00** The Middle **7.00** Yonderland **8.00** Sinbad **9.00** The Simpsons **9.30** Johnny Vegas's Little Cracker **9.45** Alan Davies's Little Cracker **10.00** Glee **12.00** The Simpsons **12.30** Modern Family **1.30** The Middle **2.30** Yonderland **3.30** The Simpsons **4.00** Sinbad **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Modern Family **6.30** Simpsons **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** Karl Pilkington **11.55**

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two **6.25** Natural World: Madagascar. Lemurs and Spies **7.25 FILM: Short Circuit** (1986) Sci-fi comedy adventure, starring Steve Guttenberg. **9.00 Africa 10.00 Earthflight 11.00** The Great British Bake Off **1.00** Antiques Road Trip **2.00 FILM: First Knight** (1995) Arthurian adventure. **4.05** The Queen's Palaces **5.05** Flog It!  
**6.00** **Celebrity Eggheads** With Alistair Appleton, Simon O'Brien, Laura Hamilton, Ed Hall and Angus Purden.  
**6.30 Blackpool: Big Night Out** Documentary looking at the Lancashire seaside resort through the eyes of acts who have performed there, recalling its heyday as a town at the heart of British entertainment.  
**7.30 Christmas University Challenge** King's College London takes on Southampton.  
**8.00** **Weird Nature** Creatures capable of amazing feats using just their bodies.  
**9.00** **Tudor Monastery Farm Christmas** Ruth Goodman, Peter Ginn and Tom Pinfold celebrate Christmas as it would have been done in 1500, making Tudor decorations, engaging in festive revels and preparing feasts.  
**10.00** **Mock the Week** Christmas edition of the comedy quiz.  
**10.30 Dara O Briain – Craic Dealer** The comedian in performance at Edinburgh Playhouse.  
**11.30 Jools' Annual Hootenanny 2013** Featuring Ray Davies, Rudimental, the Proclaimers, the Lumineers and Laura Mvula.  
**1.30** Glastonbury 2013 Highlights **3.45** This Is BBC Two

New Year Fireworks Live **12.15** An Idiot Abroad **3.10** Spartacus **2.20** A League of Their Own **3.10** Road Wars **4.00** Little Crackers **4.30** Luto Airport **5.00** Airline **SKY ATLANTIC 6.00** The Devil's Dinner Party **7.00** ER **8.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **9.00** Blue Bloods **10.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **11.00** Stargate SG-1 **12.00** Blue Bloods **1.00** House **3.00** Blue Bloods **4.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **5.00** ER **6.00** House **8.00** God Save the Queens **9.00** Steve Coogan **11.00** Set List: Stand-Up Without a

## ITV

**6.00** Daybreak **8.30** Lorraine **9.25 FILM: Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders** (2000) Animated adventure, with the voice of Scott Innes. **11.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **12.00** All Star Family Fortunes **12.45** ITV News: Weather **1.05 FILM: The 'Burb** (1989) Black comedy, starring Tom Hanks. **3.00** The Cube: Celebrity Special **4.00** The Nation's Favourite Dance Moment **5.30** Off Their Rockers **6.00** You've Been Framed! Comical clips.  
**6.30** **ITV News London**; Weather **6.45** **ITV News**; Weather **7.00** **Emmerdale** The police see the footage of Sam at Home Farm.  
**7.30** **Aussie Animal Island All** eight females prepare to have joey's. Last in the series.  
**8.00** **FILM: Mamma Mia!** (2008) A bride asks three of her mother's old flames to her wedding to learn which of them is her father. Musical comedy featuring Abba songs, starring Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan.  
**10.10** **ITV News**  
**10.15** **2013: A Funny Old Year** Jason Manford presents a humorous celebration of the highs and lows of the past 12 months, including the royal baby, Andy Murray's Wimbledon victory and the horsemeat scandal.  
**11.15** **Vicious** Freddie and Stuart invite friends round for a Christmas Day celebration.  
**11.45** **ITV News**; Weather; New Year's Songs  
**12.05** **FILM: Waterworld** (1995) Sci-fi adventure, starring Kevin Costner. **2.15** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA **3.00** **ITV Nightscreen 5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show

Net **11.30** Walking and Talking **12.00** The Sopranos **1.15** FILM: Clear History (2013) **3.05** Mad Men **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** The Mortified Sessions  
**BBBC3 7.00** Great Movie Mistakes 2013 **8.00** FILM: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom (1984) **9.50** Live at the Apollo **10.35** EastEnders **11.05** Family Guy **11.50** American Dad! **12.35** Great Movie Mistakes 2013 **2.30** Impractical Jokers **3.00** Some Girls **4.00** Close  
**BBBC4 7.00** Sir John Tavener Remembered

## Channel 4

**6.00** According to Jim **6.30** Will & Grace **7.20** **FILM: Little Manhattan** (2005) Romantic drama, starring Josh Hutcherson and Charlie Ray. **8.50** How I Met Your Mother **9.45** The Big Bang Theory **10.50** The Simpsons **11.50** **FILM: Imagine That** (2009) Fantasy comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **1.55** **FILM: Home Alone 3** (1997) Comedy, starring Alex D. Linz. **4.00** Deal or No Deal **5.00** **Celebrity Come Dine with Me: Footballers Special 6.00** **The Simpsons** Cartoon capers with the unmistakable family.  
**6.25** **Hollyoaks** As the new year arrives, Ziggy makes a distressing discovery. John Paul spots a drug-addled Finn climbing the village's arch and Tilly faces a relationship dilemma.  
**6.55** **Channel 4 News Summary 7.00** **Deal or No Deal: Christmas Stars** Noel Edmonds offers community support officer Ian Taylor the chance to win up to £250,000 in a festive-themed edition of the big-money game show.  
**9.00** **Alan Carr's New Year Spectacular** The comedian throws a New Year's Eve party, with guests James Corden, Keith Lemon, Ben Cohen and Abbey Clancy, and music by Tinie Tempah and Katy B.  
**11.05** **50 Funniest Moments 2013** A countdown of the most hilarious, surprising and sometimes shocking incidents from the past 12 months, with contributions from Danny Dyer and Helen Flanagan.  
**1.05** **Toast of London 3.45** **Deal or No Deal: Ideal Christmas 4.40** Countdown **5.20** 90210

**8.00** FILM: Kind Hearts and Coronets (1949) **9.45** Rome's Lost Empire **11.15** Some Scousers with Jokes **12.15** Some Boffins with Jokes **12.45** Some Vicars with Jokes **1.45** John Denver at Wembley Arena **2.25** Sounds of the 70s 2 Disco **2.55** The Bridge **3.55** Close  
**ITV2 6.00** **Emmerdale 6.25** **Coronation Street 7.25** You've Been Framed: Top 100 Animals **8.15** The Xtra Factor Winner's Story (2013) **9.15** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Trials and Tribulations

## Channel 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **9.40** Inside Hollywood 2013 **9.45** The Dog Rescuers **10.15** Michael Buble's Christmas Special **11.15** **FILM: Fiddler on the Roof** (1971) A poor Jewish milkman in Ukraine hopes to find husbands for his three eldest daughters – but they would rather choose for themselves. Musical, starring Topol and Norma Crane. **2.50** **FILM: Pal Joey** (1957) Musical comedy, starring Frank Sinatra. **5.00** **FILM: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** (1954) Musical Western, starring Howard Keel.  
**7.00** **The Gadget Show** Jason Bradbury and Rachel Riley test three 4K Blu-ray players, Pollyanna Woodward takes to the water in a replica DeLorean and Jon Bentley looks back at the year's gadgets; 5 News  
**8.00** **World's Strongest Man 2013** James Richardson presents the final from Haitang Bay in Sanya, China, featuring the 10 qualifiers from the heats. Last in the series; 5 News at 9  
**9.00** **Greatest Stand Up Comedians** A countdown of the 50 funniest people to have performed stand-up routines, featuring Tommy Cooper, Joan Rivers and Robin Williams. With contributions by Paul Hogan and Ross Noble.  
**11.50** **FILM: The Plank** (1967) Two clumsy workmen carry a plank to a building site, causing various mishaps and accidents along the way. Slapstick comedy, directed by and starring Eric Sykes. With Tommy Cooper.  
**12.55** **SuperCasino 3.05** **Celebrity Wedding Planner 3.55** **House Doctor 4.45** **Great Artists 5.10** **Great Scientists 5.35** **Wildlife SOS**

**10.20** FILM: What a Girl Wants (2003) **12.30** **Emmerdale 1.00** **Coronation Street 2.05** You've Been Framed! **2.40** **FILM: Beethoven's 2nd** (1993) **4.30** **FILM: Star Wars: Episode VI – Return of the Jedi** (1983) **7.10** **FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday** (2007) **9.00** **FILM: Hot Fuzz** (2007) **11.25** **Guinness Juice 1.40** **Celebrity Juice 2.25** **Guinness World Records 3.15** **Fool Britannia 3.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA **5.00** I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now! Best of the Bush **5.50** **Conor Maynard**

## Movie Choices

**CANDHI** (1982) Richard Attenborough's Oscar-winning biopic of Mohandas K. Gandhi, who rose from unlikely beginnings as a small-time lawyer to become the inspirational leader of India's struggle for independence and a worldwide ambassador for peace thanks to his philosophy of non-violent protest. Starring Ben Kingsley. **Sky Movies Select 2.30-5.40pm**  
**THE SIXTH SENSE** (1999) A child psychologist, disheartened after the suicide of a former patient, takes on the case of a terrified boy haunted by ghostly apparitions, and tries to help him discover what the spirits want from him. Supernatural thriller, starring Bruce Willis. **Sky Movies Sci-Fi/Horror 9.00-10.50pm**  
**KILL BILL: VOL 1** (2003) A female assassin wakes from a four-year coma and promptly sets out on a campaign to wipe out her erstwhile colleagues, who tried to kill her at her own wedding – one of whom is now the kingpin of the Tokyo underworld. The first part of Quentin Tarantino's two-part martial arts thriller, starring Uma Thurman. **Sky Movies Select 10pm-12am**  
**GROUNDHOG DAY** (1993) An obnoxious TV weatherman reporting on a small town's annual festival finds himself caught in a bizarre time loop, and is forced to relive the same day over and over again. While at first he tries to exploit his predicament, he is ultimately driven to mend his ways and adopt a less cynical attitude. Comedy, starring Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell. **Sky Movies Greats 10.15pm-12am**

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2.30pm on weekdays, offers a choice of dishes for just £8.95 per person; while its Sunday Buffet, served from noon to 11.30pm, allows you to eat as much as they like from a large selection of delicious dishes for £7.95 per person, or £3.95 for under 10s. The restaurant's owner, Tony, who has been in the catering business for more than 40 years, prides himself on his restaurant, which is a wonderful place to celebrate a range of special occasions. It has ample space for large parties thanks to its separate function room, which is complete with dance floor, sounds, lights and smoke, as well as karaoke.

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Anyone interested in making a booking for Christmas Day is urged to do so quickly as there are only a few tables remaining.

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On Christmas Day they will be serving a seven-course feast for £75 per person, including smoked salmon canapés on arrival, game consume with vermicelli, a choice of starters of fresh asparagus or pan fried scallops, followed by a comfort break of raspberry sorbet. This is followed by a choice of main courses including traditional

Norfolk roast turkey, aged fillet steak, whole lemon sole or a vegetarian option, and a choice of desserts such as homemade mascarpone and baileys tiramisu, grand marnier crepe suzette or traditional Christmas pudding, and then tea or coffee and mince pie.

The Palm Tree, set in the heart of the town in Leigh Road, has been delighting diners with Mediterranean cuisine since opening its doors and follows in the footsteps of The Lemon Tree in Southend, which is also run by the same successful family owner, Samet.

Samet said: "The restaurant has introduced a wide range of delicious and healthy Mediterranean dishes, as well as a wonderful choice of seafood and an exquisite wine and champagne list.

"Our interior is relaxed, with tiles and pictures depicting great races of the past, and the mood is luxurious but not too overwhelming. Everyone feels like they belong here at The Palm Tree restaurant."

Starters include Scottish smoked salmon, traditional salt beef, avocado salad, Turkish stuffed pepper, Mediterranean king prawns and delicious home made soup. It a la carte menu



include a range of main courses from Wild Venison Steak, Pork Belly Roulade, and Breast of Chicken and Mozzarella, to Fillet of Beef Stroganoff, Grilled Fillet of Steak and Traditional Moussaka.

Alongside these there are a range of Charcoal Specials to enjoy including Lamb and Chicken Karisik Sheesh, and Kuzu Sheesh - cubes of middle neck of lamb marinated with herbs and grilled on skewers - as well as a Fish Menu that

has everything from traditional Spanish Paella to fillet of salmon, whole lemon sole, sea bass and swordfish.

For those looking for something different there are a range of Chef Specials including Seafood Linguine served with white wine and tomato sauce, Risotto Chorizo cooked with garlic, red peppers and tomato, and The Palm Special Risotto.

A special treat for diners can be found at The Palm

Tree's Oyster Bar, where fresh and locally sourced produce has been carefully selected to delight your senses, while those looking for something different can enjoy pianist entertainment every Sunday lunchtime.

As well as its fantastic and vast menu, the restaurant also offers a range of deals including a two-course set menu for £12.95 from Sunday to Thursday lunch or dinner, as well as Friday and Saturday lunch (excluding December), which offers a choice of starters and a delicious variety of main courses for just £12.95 per person - with the added option of Roast Rump of Beef on Sunday.

There's also a fantastic Lunch Menu, served from Monday to Saturday (excluding December), offering a wide range of value-for-money choices with dishes costing £9.50.

Next year there will also be a number of themed nights at the restaurant and anyone interested is urged to call for further information.

For further information about The Palm Tree, which can cater for all special occasions and is open seven days a week, call 01702 719435 or visit [www.thepalmrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.thepalmrestaurant.co.uk)

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This popular restaurant, at 767 London Road, offers some of the finest Italian and continental dishes in town.

As well as its excellent pizzas and pastas and its varied Continental cuisine including paella, chicken formaggio and steak Diane, Spaghetti Junction offers an extensive menu including a wide choice of fish and meat dishes and plenty to choose from for those who prefer a vegetarian option.

In addition there's a Chef's Special board to view and a Children's Menu offering a variety of dishes for just £3.95, from Monday to Saturday.

If you have room for more then its desserts are to die for! The restaurant has built up a reputation for its mega-choice of excellent, monster-size delicious ice creams plus of course other desserts such as pancakes, waffles, chocolate fudge gâteau etc. This menu has now been extended even



further with new exciting ice creams on offer such as the tempting Hula Hula, Blackcurrant Bonanza, Strawbsational! and Strawberry Madness and for those who want something a little more exotic, 'A Taste of Passion', a delicious dish of ice cream, pineapple, peaches and mandarin oranges topped with passion fruit liqueur, plus many, many more fantastic offerings.

Spaghetti Junction offers a range of deals from Monday to Friday evenings. Diners can enjoy the new Pizza and Pasta Menu, now offering a wider choice of starters and pasta or pizza, for £8.95; the

Special New Duo Menu, from Monday to Friday evening, with main course and dessert for £9.95; and a three-course set menu for the fantastic price of £15.95. On Saturday evenings there is also a special three-course menu for £21.50.

The restaurant has also introduced Gluten Free options and many of the dishes (marked gf) on the various menus can be prepared and made with ingredients, which to the knowledge of the restaurant do not contain gluten, including the pastas. There is also an extensive Gluten Free Dessert menu offering many deliciously

mouth-watering dishes.

Spaghetti Junction is the ideal setting for parties of up to 30 people and is also available for private functions.

There is also a Takeaway Service available for those who want to enjoy dishes from the A La Carte and Gluten Free menus, as well as pizza and pasta, in the comfort of their own home.

Bookings are now being taken for this year's festive season including New Year's Eve. For Christmas Day lunch the restaurant is offering a three-course set menu at £29.95 per person (three-course children's menu at £14.95) and a three-course set menu for Boxing Day lunch at £21.95 (children £10.95). Many gluten free options are available on these menus.

The restaurant, situated at 767 London Road, Westcliff (opposite Chalkwell Park), is open from Monday to Saturday evenings from 6pm till late.

For further information call Spaghetti Junction on 01702 473388 or visit [www.spaghetijunctionrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.spaghetijunctionrestaurant.co.uk) where full details of all the menus can be found.



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(L-r) GRAHAM McTAVISH as Dwalin, KEN STOTT as Balin, MARTIN FREEMAN as Bilbo, RICHARD ARMITAGE as Thorin, and WILLIAM KIRCHER as Bifur.

PA Photo/Warner Bros.

### The Hobbit: The Desolation Of Smaug (12A, 161 mins)

**A**LMOST 10 years ago to the day, Peter Jackson was preparing to unveil The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King, the concluding chapter of his ambitious Tolkien trilogy, to UK audiences.

The third film subsequently won all 11 Academy Awards for which it was nominated and became the first fantasy film and only the second sequel to claim the top prize of Best Picture.

This new trilogy, adapted from Tolkien's The Hobbit, has not fared quite so well.

The filmmaker's decision to shoot the prequels in high definition 3D at the higher rate of 48 frames per second compared to the usual 24 frames has divided audiences and critics, allowing us to see the stitching on costumes and the intricacy of the prosthetics in startlingly minute detail.

The second instalment, The Desolation Of Smaug, picks up where An Unexpected Journey concluded.

Plucky hobbit Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), wise wizard Gandalf The Grey (Sir Ian McKellen) and the company of dwarves led by Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) continue their perilous quest to

reclaim their lost gold from the dragon Smaug (voiced by Benedict Cumberbatch) in his lair.

The adventurers encounter a shape-shifter called Beorn (Mikael Persbrandt) and a nest of giant spiders, guaranteed to make skin crawl and have arachnophobes quivering in their seats.

Gandalf discovers the identity of the necromancer, who has been wreaking havoc in Dol Guldur, and when orcs storm Mirkwood, the elves led by King Thranduil (Lee Pace) and his son Legolas (reprised by Orlando Bloom) marshal their forces to repel the invaders.

Meanwhile, Bilbo and the dwarves - Bifur (William Kircher), Bofur (James Nesbitt), Bombur (Stephen Hunter), Balin (Ken Stott), Dwalin (Graham McTavish), Fili (Dean O'Gorman), Kili (Aidan Turner), Dori (Mark Hadlow), Nori (Jed Brophy), Ori (Adam Brown), Gloin (Peter Hambleton), Oin (John Callen) and Thrór (Jeffrey Thomas) - endure some rough and tumble as they escape certain death by travelling down river rapids in barrels.

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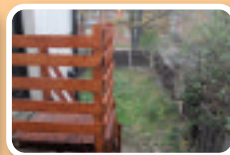
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# How to avoid Skid Row

**THE ICE COMETH:**  
Read our tips on staying safe in wintry conditions



By Mike Torpey

THE first frosts of winter are already catching drivers unaware, especially in rural areas where icy patches can be difficult to spot.

Road safety charity the Institute of Advanced Motorists (IAM) is anxious for drivers to know how to cope.

IAM chief examiner Peter Rodger said: "Some bits of the country have already had a first taste of this year's winter."

"That means it's time for the rest of us to start thinking about how to deal with it too."

Here are his winter driving tips:

- Keep to the main roads as they're more likely to be salted.

- Bear in mind that after the frost has gone, ice can remain in areas which are shaded by trees and buildings "and it forms there first, so be careful as the temperature drops".

- It may seem obvious to say "but every year people forget, so ensure you have de-icer and a scraper".

- Don't be one of those people, still out there, who only scrape a small area and drive looking through a slit. "Clear the whole screen to be able to see properly."

- If the road is slippery when you start off, do it in second gear, releasing the clutch and accelerating gently, avoiding high revs

"as this will help prevent wheel-spin".

- As you drive, stay in higher gears to help avoid wheel-spin.

- In an automatic, be gentle with your feet, and use whatever gearbox features that the it has help in slippery conditions.

- Cars end up in ditches because drivers haven't taken icy roads seriously. If it's cold outside treat wet looking patches with great care as "they could be ice, not water".

- Stopping distances are increased by up to 10 times in icy conditions, so leave plenty of distance between you and the car in front. Don't rely on your brakes to stop – on ice they may not do that for you.

- If it is really slippery slow down early and use the gears to do it.

- If your car loses grip and starts to slide sideways, take your foot off the accelerator, and point the front wheels in the direction that you want to go.

Peter said: "These are just a few pointers to start you thinking. Being mentally prepared as well as having the right equipment is vital, so think about any problems you encountered last winter, and what you need to do to avoid them or overcome them if they recur this year. Be prepared for the worst. Icy conditions will affect accelerating, steering and braking."

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### Cars Wanted

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## BLUES BLAST INTO CUP THIRD ROUND

### Southend United

**Chesterfield 1 Southend United 3**  
by Brian Jeeves at  
the Proact Stadium

SOUTHEND United produced a thoroughly professional away performance to dispatch league rivals Chesterfield and set up an intriguing FA Cup Third Round tie with Championship strugglers Millwall at Roots Hall.

Back in August, Chesterfield inflicted Southend's first League defeat, this after the Blues had dominated the match for long spells. Nevertheless, the Shrimpers went into this tie off the back of six games without defeat, a run which saw manager Phil Brown rewarded with the Sky Bet League Two manager of the month award.

Prior to the game, Southend's warm-up routine unusually appeared to be hampered by a member of the Chesterfield ground staff, who seemed to be obstructing the players shooting practise. Whether or not this was a case of "mind games" from the home side is open to debate, nonetheless, it only acted to galvanise the Shrimpers players, who continued regardless.

Southend started brightly, and indeed had the first sight of goals when Barry Corr headed into the gloves of Tommy Lee, this after

Anthony Straker knocked back Kevan Hurst's pinpoint centre. However, with just four minutes on the clock the home side opened the scoring.

Gary Roberts found space on the left flank and delivered a perfect cross for Tendayi Darikwa who fired past Daniel Bentley from close range.

Southend might well have been stunned but the goal only worked to fire them into life. John White's cross was scrambled away with Straker lurking, and from the resulting corner they drew level. Ben Coker's flag kick was met by the head of Marc Laird and flashed past Lee low into the net.

Southend had settled and began to play some fluent football. Barr Corr saw his effort blocked, but before the Spirites had a chance to regroup, they found themselves behind. A vibrant build up on the right flank ended with Hurst sending over an exquisite ball for Straker to head past a stranded Lee via an upright.

Southend went in search of a third goal. Corr was snubbed out after Hurst had played him in, while Jay O'Shea looked to restore parity for the home side but ran into heavy traffic as Chesterfield rallied.

The Spirites began to probe vigorously. Drew Talbot and Darikwa saw delicious crosses dealt with by

White and Kiernan, while Armanda Gnanouillet's close range strike was deflected over and O'Shea's free-kick cleared the bar without troubling Bentley.

The second period started as the first had finished, with Chesterfield on the front foot. Jimmy Ryan's run and shot was desperately unlucky not to pick out the on rushing Gnanouillet. Then Talbot headed O'Shea's flag kick against the top of the bar.

It seemed to be only a matter of time before Chesterfield levelled the tie. However, Southend had worked tirelessly to break up the play, and started to produce some meaningful attacks of their own. In fact, Southend had a glorious opportunity to put the tie to bed when Gnanouillet climbed all over Corr from Hurst's corner and referee Mick Russell showed little hesitation in pointing to the penalty spot. Corr struck the penalty low to the left only for Lee to rebuff his effort.

Southend seemed to have found their second wind. Connor Clifford almost found an opening following Straker's pass, while at the other end, Bentley preserved the Shrimpers lead by producing a world class save from Gnanouillet's towering header.

But Southend were not to be denied a famous victory, and with

just five minutes remaining they produced a contender for goal of the season. Anthony Straker has often been a target for the more blinkered section of the Roots Hall crowd, however, he displayed raw skill and outrageous trickery to see off a clutch of Spirites defenders before picking out Laird. The Shrimpers midfielder teed up Kevan Hurst who fired across Lee and into the corner of the net, much to the delight of the 356 travelling fans as well as sparking a mass exodus from the home stands.

Marc Richards fired a late chance over for the home side, but by this point Chesterfield showed the body language of a beaten side. This victory not only presented the Shrimpers with a place in the third round, but also extended their unbeaten run to seven and sent out a message to the rest of League Two that this team mean business.

Next up for the Shrimpers is a trip to Torquay United for a Sky Bet League Two fixture, Saturday December 14, kick-off 3pm.

**Chesterfield:** Lee, Talbot, Evatt, Hird, McFadzean (Doyle 75'), Ryan, Banks, Darikwa, O'Shea (Richards 68'), Roberts (Humphreys 16'), Gnanouillet. Subs not used: Chapman, Togwell, Devitt, McSheffrey.  
**Southend United:** Bentley, White, Coker, Laird, Prosser, Timlin, Corr, Straker, Hurst, Kiernan (Phillips 64'), Clifford (Thompson 83'). Subs not used: Smith, Eastwood, Reid, Payne, Edwards.

### Football

## Hullbridge stun Rovers

Non-League round up  
by Brian Jeeves

HULLBRIDGE Sports progressed to the last 32 of the FA Vase after a stunning 1-0 victory over Essex Senior League leaders Great Wakering Rovers at Burroughs Park. Rory Clark grabbed the all-important goal early in the second period in front of a bigger than usual crowd of 142.

The Senior League's other representatives in the FA Vase were Haringey Borough. However, they found Thurlow Nunn Premier Division side Brantham Athletic just too strong, going down 3-2 in extra time, have held a 2-0 lead late in the tie.

League fixtures once again produced a sack full of goals. Sawbridgeworth led the way, sinking FC Romania 5-2, while Ilford thrashed Greenhouse London 4-0 and Enfield 1893 saw off Tower Hamlets 4-1.

Basildon United won their big local derby with Bowers & Pitsea. These games are always keenly contested and this was no exception. Hayes and Emika found the net as the Bees ran out 2-0 winners. At the Old Spotted Dog, Jerry Jerriette gave the famous Clapton Ultra's something to sing about as he scored the only goal of the game against a useful Barking side, while down the road London APSA recorded an impressive 3-1 victory over much fancied Takeley. Sporting Bengal United picked up a 3-1 win over Stansted and the two Manors, Southend and Eton played out a goalless draw.

In the Skril Conference South, Chelmsford City secured a priceless victory over Basingstoke, Edmans finding the net late in the game. Elsewhere, Concord Rangers must be sick of the sight of Gosport Borough. The Beach Boys FA Trophy conquerors recorded a 2-0 win at the Aspects Arena in front of a 203 crowd.

The Ryman Premier League saw mixed results for the regions teams. Canvey Island saw off East Thurrock United in an entertaining local derby at the Prospects Stadium. Hopkins first half goal gave The Rocks the lead before Curran and Bartley saw the Gulls home.

Leaders AFC Hornchurch won by a single Stefan Payne goal at Hendon, while Grays Athletic triumphed 2-0 against Harrow Borough. Billericay Town slumped to a disappointing 1-0 defeat to Lewes at New Lodge.

There was a dramatic late winner for Burnham Ramblers at Brentwood Town, Neil Richmond producing the only goal in the 88th minute. Witham Town saw off VCD Athletic 4-1 and Thurrock won 2-0 at Dereham.

Redbridge went down 4-1 at Chatham Town and there was a clutch of 2-0 defeats for Barkingside (v Soham Town Rangers), Heybridge Swifts (v Waltham Forest) and Aveley (v Harlow Town)

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## Late winner for Canvey

**Canvey 2 East Thurrock 1**  
CANVEY scored a last gasp winner in their derby win against East Thurrock United on Saturday.

The Gulls came back from a goal down to beat their Essex rivals at the Prospects Stadium in the 94th minute in front of a crowd of 291.

East Thurrock took the lead on 37 minutes when a Jack Hopkins took advantage of some poor defender

### Ryman League

before shooting past keeper JM Kulnig. Canvey equalised on 66 minutes when powerhouse striker Moses Ademola sprinted down the right wing and found Jay Curran who had a centre half run to the six yard box before finishing.

An injury-time winner from defender Rob Bartley settled it.

**CELEBRATE: Rob Bartley smashes the ball into the roof of the net in the last minute**  
Photo by Phil Eckett



## Last gasp effort seals victory for Southend

### Rugby

**Bournemouth 36 Southend 39**  
AFTER a promising start to the season Bournemouth are now struggling having lost their previous seven games so Southend were hoping for a positive result.

A benign day and a flat pitch greeted the players so the spectators settled down to what they hoped would be an entertaining afternoon.

Within five minutes Southend's Brad Burr put the visitors ahead with a successful penalty kick.

Bournemouth responded immediately when wing Benjamin Stewart raced over and fly half Daniel Pollard kicked the conversion 7-3.

Southend settled down and took charge. Both scrum and lineout worked well and they were control-

ling the game.

Mistakes and giving the ball away became the order of the day so by halftime Bournemouth had started to creep back into the game and were only eight points behind at 12-20.

Within two minutes of the restart Bournemouth had narrowed the gap to one point after No 8 Gavin Hart went over and Pollard converted 19-20 and game well and truly on. Play continued in the same vain with Bournemouth full of confidence and playing some neat rugby.

Southend made some changes, but Bournemouths dander was up and off they went. Ten more points in the next 20 minutes took them nine clear at 29-20 with Southend having to replace try scorer McGeachy with young Alex Harrison.

Another try from the impressive

Daniel Pollard which he converted himself took Bournemouth into what looked to be an unassailable lead with only ten minutes to go.

Led by a terrific break from young Craig Strachan Southend suddenly changed game faces. He collected the ball on the full, saw a gap and took it on, racing 15 meters he passed to the reliable Daniel Legge who ran on, took a tackle, went to ground and recycled. The ball arrived with Harrison who dived over in the corner. The difficult conversion attempt sailed wide but Southend had turned a corner at 36-25.

It was their turn to turn up the heat and with Bournemouth showing nerves they looked threatening again.

Only two minutes to go with

Southend pressing and pressing. The forwards rolled their way forward, picking and driving until they went over the line and Strachan touched down for his second try since his comeback last week. This time Burrs kick sailed over 36-32.

Southend collected the ball from the kickoff and raced forward again, quick hands along the three quarters saw it arrive with winger Danny Claire. Dodging tackles he raced forward and over the line breaking Bournemouth hearts. Burr converted the try with the last kick of the game. 36-39 to Southend.

It's back home for a visit from new boys Exmouth next week. Lets look for a consistent and commanding performance from Southend which might reduce the risk of heart attacks amongst the spectators.



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If you haven't joined the thousands of residents recycling their food waste every week it's not too late! Contact Southend-on-Sea Borough Council today to receive your bin, caddy and compostable liners on **(01702) 215006**. With Christmas coming it's a great way to recycle any food waste produced.



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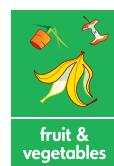
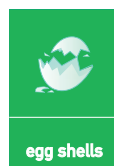
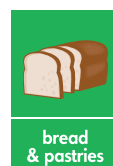
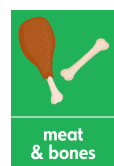
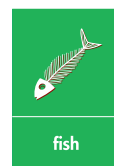
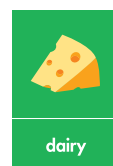


Plate scrapings and leftovers can be recycled too!

# What will you recycle this Christmas?

During the festive period there is even more recycling and waste generated than normal.

We really want your recycling but sometimes materials are included that can't be collected. Help us to recycle the material placed in your pink sack by avoiding these items:



- ✗ **Food waste and items covered in food waste** - during the initial process at the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) any food waste present can get smeared, splashed and mixed with recycling making it difficult to reprocess some materials.
- ✗ **Polystyrene** - can't be recycled at the MRF at the moment
- ✗ **Textiles** - get wrapped around equipment and affect MRF plant operations
- ✗ **Wood and general household waste** - can't be recycled at the MRF at the moment
- ✗ **Rigid plastics** - can't be recycled at the MRF at the moment. However, these can be recycled at the Household Waste Recycling Centres.

By not including these items in your pink sack you are helping us to provide high quality recyclable material for reprocessors to use.

The items to the right can be collected:

## Make a tree-mendous start to 2014 by recycling your real Christmas tree!

Simply place your **real Christmas tree** - free from all decorations and pots - in a visible position at the front boundary of your property. Cory Environmental will collect within **10 working days** and arrange for it to be composted. Please contact Southend-on-Sea Borough Council on **(01702) 215006** if it hasn't been collected after 10 days. **Real Christmas trees** can also be composted in the green waste container at both Household Waste Recycling Centres.



### Please use your **pink** sack for these items



**All paper** including wrapping paper, shredded paper, junk mail, envelopes, catalogues, newspaper, magazines.



**Glass bottles and jars** broken glass bottles and jars should be wrapped in thick newspaper and placed in the pink recycling sack. Alternatively, they can be placed in a cardboard box clearly marked as 'broken glass'.



**Household plastic packaging** including trays, punnets, yoghurt pots, carrier bags, bottles, tubs, bags, film and bubble wrap.



**Steel and Aluminium** including food and drink cans, clean ready meal and pie foil trays, takeaway containers, cooking foil, empty aerosol cans and large metal tins such as biscuit and sweet tins.



**Cardboard** including sleeves for ready meals, cereal boxes, greetings cards, toilet roll tubes, *Tetra Paks* i.e cartons.

### Please use your **clear** sack for these items



**Textiles** clean and dry textiles, including clothes, paired shoes, worn or torn (but clean) clothing can still be recycled.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Used kitchen roll, polystyrene and crisp packets **cannot** be recycled in the pink recycling sacks!



### Coming soon - Have your say!

In January 2014 the Council will be launching a consultation on Recycling and Waste services. This is being carried out to capture your views on how services may be shaped in the future. Please visit [www.southend.gov.uk/wasteconsultation](http://www.southend.gov.uk/wasteconsultation)

# Service changes over Christmas

## Revised recycling and waste collection days

Please refer to the table below to identify your revised collection dates.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Wednesday 25th December	Friday 27th December
Thursday 26th December	Saturday 28th December
Friday 27th December	Monday 30th December
Monday 30th December	Tuesday 31st December
Tuesday 31st December	Thursday 2nd January 2014
Wednesday 1st January 2014	Friday 3rd January 2014
Thursday 2nd January 2014	Saturday 4th January 2014
Friday 3rd January 2014	Monday 6th January 2014
Monday 6th January 2014	Tuesday 7th January 2014
Tuesday 7th January 2014	Wednesday 8th January 2014
Wednesday 8th January 2014	Thursday 9th January 2014
Thursday 9th January 2014	Friday 10th January 2014
Friday 10th January 2014	Saturday 11th January 2014

Please ensure all sacks or bins are available for collection from 7.00am, in a visible location at the front boundary of your property. Please do not place on the public footpath, highway or verge. For more information about recycling, visit [www.southend.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.southend.gov.uk/recycling) or call Southend-on-Sea Borough Council on (01702) 215006.

## Household Waste Recycling Centres

### Opening Hours over the Christmas and New Year Period

	Stock Road	Leigh Marshes
Monday 23rd December	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 24th December	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 25th December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday 26th December	CLOSED	CLOSED
Friday 27th December	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday 28th December	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 29th December	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Monday 30th December	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Tuesday 31st December	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Wednesday 1st January 2014	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday 2nd January 2014	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Friday 3rd January 2014	9.00am - 4.00pm	9.00am - 4.00pm
Saturday 4th January 2014	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm
Sunday 5th January 2014	8.00am - 4.00pm	8.00am - 4.00pm

From the 6th January 2014, normal opening hours will resume. Please visit [www.southend.gov.uk](http://www.southend.gov.uk) for a list of HWRC opening times.

Why not follow our recycling campaign on Facebook and Twitter - providing residents with the latest recycling information, advice and ideas.



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